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This is the final Koori Mail for 2008. Our office is closed from this Friday until 5 January, with our first edition for 2009 out on 14 January. Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all our readers and advertisers.



The One Fire Dancers perform at the Welcome to Country and opening ceremony for the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE) 2008 on Sunday 7 December. About 3000 delegates from nearly 30 countries were in Melbourne for the massive five-day gathering from 7-11 December. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

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# Summit on rep body

**Leaders  
to have  
say on  
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A NEW national representative body for Indigenous Australians is now a major step closer. Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Jenny Macklin has given the go-ahead for a meeting of about 100 Indigenous leaders early next year to discuss the shape of a new body.

And she has asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma to take charge of the roundtable process. The Minister has also repeated the Government's commitment to establishing the body - which she says will not be a new ATSIC - during this term of office.

Ms Macklin said the representative

body process would be led and driven by Indigenous people.

Mr Calma welcomed the summit meeting as 'a very positive step', saying it built on the Prime Minister's statements about establishing partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Armidale Elder Elva Taylor pictured with her granddaughter Bianca Cook and Bianca's partner Chris Davis, and their kids Kareel and Azalea Davis.

**H**ERE I am with just a few members of my family at the Armidale and District Cultural Centre and Keeping Place on Anaiwan country in northern New South Wales.

I am Chairperson of the Cultural Centre, just one of the many jobs I have in this community.

I work full-time at the Pat Dixon Medical Centre, but I'm also on the local health advisory committee, the Armidale Aboriginal Land Council, the Circle Sentencing Panel and I have a role with Jobs Australia.

I know it's a lot, but I believe you have to be busy and give back to your community.

I'm a Dunghutti woman, but I love living here in Armidale on Anaiwan country. I've been here 40 years, raised a family here, and call it home.

My husband Thomas, he comes from Dubbo. We had three children – Flossie and Anthony, who live in Sydney, and Gillian, who's here in Armidale.

I've got 10 grandkids – Bianca is one of them – and two great-grandsons.

Family is vitally important to our people. I believe you can trace a lot of our problems back to the breakdown in our families.

Kids need a family structure, and the love and discipline it brings.

Unemployment is another huge issue for our people.

I see every day the results of what unemployment does – the poverty that leads to health, housing and family problems.

The authorities need to act on this, and we as a people need to do our bit as well.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Students at Bwgcolman Community School on Palm Island, north Queensland, during their presentation day. Full report – Page 49 Picture: ALF WILSON

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# She's in a class of her own



FOR more than two decades, Lynley Juboy has worked to make Looma Remote Community School a better place for students and teachers.

Now her dedicated service as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer at the Kimberley school about 120km from Derby has been officially recognised.

Mrs Juboy was named WA School Support Staff Member of the Year at the inaugural Western Australian Education Awards.

And the Nyikina woman couldn't be happier.

"I'm still getting over it," she told *The Koori Mail* after attending the awards ceremony in Perth. "It's an honour and it makes me proud."

## Vital link

Mrs Juboy, who started work at Looma in 1984, is regarded as a vital link between the school and the community.

She promotes regular school attendance, a good breakfast and communication between school staff, students and the community.

"I try to put myself in the shoes of the teachers and students," she said.

"When I was a student I was always unsure how a teacher would react to me, so I just stand at the front door and welcome everyone with a smile, make them feel at home and I get the teachers involved in the community."

Mrs Juboy has another excellent reason to be happy with her award – it carries a prize of \$25,000.

"That came as a real shock," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"I'll just put it in the bank and have a think about what I'll do with it."



WA School Support Staff Member of the Year Lynley Juboy with her husband Roy and niece Desirae Skeen.

# Qld move to recognise first people



INDIGENOUS people are to be officially recognised as Queensland's first people in the State

Constitution. Premier Anna Bligh said the idea came from a State forum held in preparation for this year's national 2020 Summit.

A bipartisan committee will work on the statement, which would be made next year to coincide with the State's 150th anniversary. Ms Bligh said it would be a symbolic and positive gesture, rather than an expression of 'sorry'.

"This is very much about recognising the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Queensland as the first people of our State and to recognise the important role they've had in our history and development



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags fly at Parliament House in Brisbane.

of their traditions and influence on our State," she said.

Queensland Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg

said he supported the preamble in principle and looked forward to seeing the committee's report. – AAP



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## Qantas hopes IT jobs plan will take off



**QANTAS**, in conjunction with computer giant **IBM**, has started a scheme it says will increase the number of Indigenous Australians working in Information Technology (IT).

Australia's national airline says it hopes to turn around the fact that few Indigenous Australians work in IT.

"Qantas is one of the largest corporate employers of IT professionals in Australia, and IBM is the largest services company in Australia, so by joining forces we are well-positioned to make a significant employment impact," the airline says.

The scheme aims to inspire Indigenous school children to get excited about IT through camps and workshops. Qantas says it will also provide industry traineeships for Indigenous school students and, working with tertiary institutions, offer graduate positions to qualified Indigenous graduates.

"The project will start with two workshops for Indigenous employees, students and members of industry and academia, to better ascertain how we can attract and retain Indigenous Australians in IT roles," Qantas said.

The airline says it is on track to achieve its goal of 450 Indigenous workers by June 2010.

In the coming year, Qantas cabin crew will begin acknowledging traditional country on all international flights landing in Australia on Sorry Day, during Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.

## Santa Claus? No, Murri Claus!



'MURRI Claus' stopped by the Queensland State Library in Brisbane earlier this month to hear the Christmas wish lists of youngsters including, from front to back, Leon, Kindely, Leaghalani and Javita. While attending the library's open day, Murri Claus and his Murri minstrels taught the children songs and dances from the Torres Strait Islands and indulged more than a few of them with happy snaps. *Photo by SAMANTHA DEAN*

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# Concerns raised on NT funding



THE Federal Opposition has teamed with the Australian Greens to voice concerns about the Northern Territory

Government's spending on programs and services for Aborigines.

A Senate committee has presented its report into whether the NT Government has radically underspent Federal grants earmarked for Indigenous people.

The investigation was launched after the Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS) claimed successive NT governments had mis-spent billions of dollars allocated to the NT through the Commonwealth Grants

Commission (CGC) process.

In the report, three Coalition senators and a Greens senator said they thought the concerns were well-founded.

"The yawning chasm between the Grants Commission's assessments and actual spending levels

**'The yawning chasm between the Grants Commission's assessments and actual spending levels were not explained to the committee...'**

were not explained to the committee, notwithstanding sustained attempts by senators to understand the differences," they said.

"The actual outcomes,

especially in areas of Indigenous health, housing and education indicators, add weight to these concerns."

The Coalition senators said the Federal Government should ask the NT Government to account for the disparities between funding and spending.

But the four Labor senators on the committee said any direct comparison of CGC expenditure assessments and actual expenditure should be made 'extremely cautiously'.

"In the committee's view it is not useful to seek to attribute this situation to

any particular tier of government," they said.

"The problems are longstanding and represent the accumulation of failures by successive governments." - AAP



# UN declaration 'high on agenda'



FEDERAL Attorney-General Robert McClelland has identified past failures in the treatment of

Indigenous Australians as the biggest and most pressing human rights challenge facing Australia.

And, despite the Government's failure so far to formally endorse it, he says the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is still high on its agenda.

Mr McClelland's comments came on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights last Wednesday, when he also announced nationwide community consultation about a possible Australian Bill of Rights.

The Universal Declaration gives global expression to the basic rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled and provides a standard to which all nations can be held accountable.

During the inaugural Evatt Annual Lecture in Sydney, Mr McClelland said the consultation would give Australians a chance to have their say about 'the kind of rights and responsibilities that

## Stolen wages deadline close

NSW Greens MP Ian Cohen says last week's anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights highlighted pitfalls of NSW stolen wages system.

The NSW Indigenous community was fast running out of time to claim stolen wages held in trust by the Premier's Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS), Mr Cohen said.

"The 31 December deadline for lodging a claim is very close," he said.

"On this important anniversary I think it is necessary to ask whether we should be imposing a cut-off date on access to basic human rights.

"By extending this deadline and raising more awareness of the scheme within the Indigenous community, the NSW Government has an opportunity to renew its commitment to Article 23

of the Declaration, which enshrines the right for all people to have equal pay for equal work."

ATFRS was established in 2005 and, despite predictions of up to 11,000 claims, only about 634 living and 2587 descendant claims had been lodged by October.

"It's clear that the take up of the scheme has been extremely low, and much more needs to be done to raise awareness of the scheme within the Indigenous community," Mr Cohen said.

Between 1900 and 1968, funds were held in trust for many Indigenous people, including wages, pensions, child endowment payments, inheritances and lump sum compensation payments.

For more information on the scheme or making a claim before the 31 December deadline, call the ATFRS hotline on 1800 765 889.

ought to be protected, and how we can better protect and promote those rights and responsibilities now and into the future."

The consultation would be about more than just a Bill of Rights, he said.

"In fact, judging by some of the contributions to the debate so far, I expect there will be robust discussion on a broad range of

possibilities.

"Whatever views are out there, I think it's paramount that the consultation hears from as many Australians as possible, with attitudes and views right across the country and right across the spectrum."

On Indigenous issues, the Attorney-General said there was much to do, 'but this is something

the Rudd Government is tackling head on'.

"The Prime Minister's National Apology in February this year was the first step. We are now committed to ambitious targets, and real action, to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," he said.

"And on the global stage, we support the principles underlying

the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"We are consulting with Indigenous organisations and other key stakeholders on an appropriate public statement to reflect this."

Jesuit priest Frank Brennan, a prominent campaigner for Aboriginal rights and reconciliation, will lead the nationwide community consultation.

News of the consultation was widely welcomed by human rights groups, including the Australian Human Rights Group, and the Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies (ACHRA).

Meanwhile, an Aboriginal mayor from north Queensland has called for any recognition of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian or State constitutions to mention a formal treaty.

"Until this is done, it will be a challenge to see if Australia has grown up as a nation," said Percy Neal, Mayor of Yarrabah near Cairns.

There is speculation the Government will announce its formal endorsement of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the anniversary of the National Apology on 13 February.

# Malezer's Medal

## Prestigious award for campaigner



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal advocate Les Malezer has been awarded this year's prestigious Human Rights Medal.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland presented the award to Mr Malezer at the Australian Human Rights Commission awards ceremony in Sydney last Wednesday.

Mr Malezer is Chairman of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), which campaigns for the human and legal rights of Indigenous people, and he has served as chairman of various Indigenous caucuses to the United Nations.

He has also been a staunch critic of the Federal intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities, and has previously labelled it an 'evil' invasion.

Commission President Catherine Branson said deciding who to award the medal to had been a difficult but inspiring task.

"We received nominations from around Australia from people committed to a fair go for all, who worked to overcome inequality," she said.

"This is something of which we can all be proud - especially today as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

"Les' efforts stood out for his sheer capacity to overcome seemingly insurmountable barriers in improving access to justice and human rights for Indigenous peoples worldwide."

Members of Mr Malezer's family attended



Human Rights Commission President Catherine Branson, medallist Les Malezer, his mother Alma Malezer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma at the awards luncheon.

the awards, including his proud mum Alma.

A highly commended certificate was awarded to University of Technology, Sydney academic Jennifer Burn, and the Young People's Human Rights Medal was awarded to University of Queensland medical student Alan Huynh.

Other awards were presented to a range of people in law, the media and the community sector.

### Print Media Award

The Print Media Award went to *The Koori Mail* and Editor Kirstie Parker for our 24-page National Apology commemorative lift-out, published on 27 February.

The award recognised the lift-out as 'an enduring record of a momentous

event in an edition full of images, text of speeches and colourful quotes'.

Ms Parker dedicated the award to members of the Stolen Generations, past and present.

"We created the Apology lift-out as our tribute to them - not just a record of the Apology but also a source of ongoing inspiration in the continuing pursuit of justice and full reparation for the Stolen Generations," she said.

"A chapter may have closed, but the Stolen Generations story has not ended and *The Koori Mail* will continue to tell it."

Highly commended in the print media category was the *Sydney Morning Herald's* Joel Gibson for his article on Aboriginal funeral funds. — with AAP



*Koori Mail* Editor Kirstie Parker with Tom Calma at the awards.



# Season's greetings from Cherbourg



WISHING their fellow Koori Mail readers a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas earlier this month were, from left, Cherbourg Elder Ada Simpson, Talitha Bowie

and Pastor Albert Bowie from Brisbane, Maud Bligh holding six-month-old granddaughter Jayneique Bligh, Jeanette Brown, Jillian Boyd, Taylor Murray, (in cap), Mareshah Bowie, Ashley Malone (orange shirt) and Elder Sandra Morgan.

The group, from different faiths, are pictured outside Cherbourg's Anglican Church in the lead-up to the inaugural Barambah Gospel Fellowship Festival which was to be held at the Cherbourg sport complex and oval last weekend. Absent at the time this photo was taken was church caretaker Uncle Paddy Alberts.

The external walls of the picturesque little church are adorned with Aboriginal art and the words 'And then it was created' are painted over the doorway.

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# Summit on rep body

By DARREN COYNE



A MEETING of about 100 Indigenous leaders will be held early next year to discuss the shape of a new National Indigenous Representative Body. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma to convene the roundtable.

Ms Macklin said the process would be led and driven by Indigenous people – a statement welcomed by Mr Calma.

"This is a very positive step and builds on what the Prime Minister said in March this year about establishing partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and for us to have a greater say in our affairs," Mr Calma said.

"We will endeavour to have a broad cross-section involved in the roundtable, and

an announcement of the process involved will be made in coming weeks."

Ms Macklin said the Government was determined to reset the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

"The national apology to Indigenous Australians, in particular the Stolen Generations, was the first step in building a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

"We recognise how important it is that Indigenous people have a voice and a means to express it.

"Through the establishment of a national Indigenous representative body, Indigenous people will have a voice in national affairs and the ability to drive lasting change."

The announcement of a summit meeting follows the initial public consultation on a representative body which began in July and included 80 public meetings in every State and Territory.

That process resulted in more than 100 submissions.

Ms Macklin said the consultations had been extended to allow people further time to comment on the formation of a representative body.

"Mr Calma will present the results of the roundtable and further consultations to the Government by July 2009," she said.

"This expanded process will build on the first round of consultations, which demonstrated the widespread support for a sustainable new body. The Government is committed to the establishment of the body during this term in office.

"It is important that the new body has representation from urban, regional and remote communities. The Government will not be establishing a new ATSIC."

Mr Calma told *The Koori Mail* it was time for Indigenous Australians to take charge of their own affairs.

"We've got to make sure that we're not

the ones who destroy ourselves. We have to have faith in our fellow Indigenous brothers and sisters, and that faith is that we are all looking after our corporate and collective interests," he said.

"We have to make sure we have a representative body that is right for us. What we need to do is build on the submissions and consultations that have already taken place. We will look at the data and extract the key principles to take along to this workshop. We need to trust each other and be willing to back what comes out of this process."

On 12 July this year, Mr Calma released an issues paper outlining key considerations in the development of a new national Indigenous representative body.

He urged Indigenous people to read that issues paper, or the community guide which accompanied it. They are available on the Australian Human Rights Commission website at [http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social\\_justice/repbody/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/repbody/index.html)

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# Premier's threat on land sparks anger



WA Premier Colin Barnett

By DARREN COYNE



WEST Australian Premier Colin Barnett has angered Indigenous and environmental groups by saying he would compulsorily acquire land in the Kimberley region for a gas processing plant.

Mr Barnett made the comments at a meeting of business leaders shortly after taking over control of the native title portfolio.

He said if Indigenous owners could not reach agreement among themselves to sell land, he would acquire it.

The preferred site for the hub is expected to be known by Christmas, with North Head and James Price Point the contenders. Mr Barnett favours North Head.

He said he would use the Public Works Act to buy the land if there was no quick agreement from Aboriginal owners.

Mr Barnett's tough talking followed rejection by Indigenous owners of an offer of \$500 million from Woodside to build a processing plant for its Browse Basin projects in the Kimberley.

Agreement was also not reached with the Inpex-Total consortium, which is now all but certain to move the processing facilities for its \$25 billion Browse project to Darwin after the

previous State government indicated it wanted one processing hub along the Kimberley coast rather than a proliferation of sites.

"A quick decision on a hub site could also mean a slim chance of attracting Inpex back to WA," Mr Barnett said.

His stance has copped plenty of criticism from Indigenous and environmental groups.

WA Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation Chairperson Stephen

once again Indigenous rights and interests over land will be subordinated in favour of mining. A 'development at any costs' approach will not provide any benefits for Indigenous communities in the Kimberley.

"If this is the position of the new State Government in Western Australia then there is not much hope for the future of Indigenous rights."

"Until Traditional Owners have an equal seat at the table in negotiations

over land there is no hope of closing the gap for Aboriginal people. Traditional Owners, under the Native Title Act, have the right to negotiate over mining development on land, which has the potential to provide significant long term economic and social benefits for communities."

"The State Government will achieve a much more positive outcome if they sit down and talk to the Traditional Owners and negotiate for the future of Indigenous people in WA."

Environmental groups also slammed Mr Barnett's plan.

The Australian Conservation Foundation said the plan was 'authoritarian' and 'out of touch with modern Australian values', while the Greens accused Mr Barnett of 'trampling on Aboriginal rights' and called on Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett to intervene.

**'If this is the position of the new State Government in Western Australia then there is not much hope for the future of Indigenous rights' – Stephen Hall**

Hall said Mr Barnett had shown his true colours.

"In Opposition Mr Barnett lobbied hard to try and protect the rights of Traditional Owners over the Woodside development on the Burrup Peninsula – yet now he is in Government those positive messages have become a distant memory," Mr Hall said.

"Mr Barnett's 'unashamedly pro-development' stance means that

## Feathers fly over Dodson claims



A REVIEW by Indigenous leader Patrick Dodson into the future of Aboriginal outstations has

resulted in claims he is trying to spark a war between adherents of self-determination and backers of economic self-reliance.

Former Labor Party national president Warren Mundine told *The Weekend Australian* newspaper that Mr Dodson had accused him, Cape York leader Noel Pearson and Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton of wanting to close outstations.

Mr Dodson was unavailable to comment on the report.

Mr Mundine said he did not want to shut down outstations, but wanted them to be economically sustainable.

Mr Dodson has been leading a review of outstations, and last week completed two weeks of meetings with outstation residents.

Prior to the consultations, he said he would like to find a funding solution that would look after young and old residents of outstations alike.

"How do we provide services to old people and young people?"



PATRICK DODSON

The young people in terms of education and the old people in terms of medical care and support. So what's the best sort of education models and medical models," Mr Dodson said on ABC radio.

**'Home to birds'**

Meanwhile, Northern Territory Minister for Central Australia Alison Anderson has said that remote outstations were home



WARREN MUNDINE

to mainly birds and lizards, and that government could not continue to fund them.

She said millions of dollars had been put into outstations where only wildlife lived, and that people should accept they would need to travel to larger communities to access education and health services.

At the consultation in Alice Springs, outstation residents were suspicious of

the Government's agenda.

Ricky Orr, from Walkabout Bore, told ABC radio that the Government should be investing more, not less.

"A lot of my family at the moment, a lot of my cousins and stuff they're in town obviously because they need work in town and there's work available, there's school in town but there's nothing in place out bush you know, out in my homeland, or



MARCIA LANGTON

my community and until there's some changes from the Government, we might get some more people home," he said.

Consultations on the Government's outstations discussion paper will continue until next June.

The NT Government assumed responsibility for the 500 tiny outstation communities, often called homelands, in July this year.



# Spotlight on native title developments

## Title recognised on Gulf islands



ABORIGINAL people have had their native title recognised over most areas on 23 islands in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Federal Court Justice Jeffrey Spender made the determination on Mornington Island on 9 December.

He recognised exclusive and non-exclusive native title rights on the Wellesley, South Wellesley, Forsyth and Bountiful Island groups, about 400km north of Mount Isa.

The Lardil, Yangkaal, Ganggalidda and Kalaiddil peoples have become native title holders

of 121,775 hectares of land across the 23 islands. They have exclusive rights to all but 25 hectares of the total land mass.

The court recognised their rights to camp, hunt, conduct ceremonies and protect significant places.

The native title applicants negotiated with parties to their claim, allowing the court to make a consent determination over the land.

"More and more groups around Australia are recognising that the best native title outcomes are achieved through talking matters through and reaching agreements," National Native Title Tribunal Member Robert

Faulkner said. "Hundreds of agreements and decisions have been made Australia-wide, including 71 consent determinations, most of which have been made in Queensland."

### Township

Natural Resources and Water Minister Craig Wallace said the parties agreed to exclude the township of Gununa, on Mornington Island, from the claim area.

"This means the Mornington Shire Council, supported by government, can efficiently and effectively deliver and build the necessary services and infrastructure for this community

in the future," Mr Wallace said.

Carpentaria Land Council Chairman Thomas Wilson said parties had taken a positive approach, leading to one of the fastest determinations under the Native Title Act.

"We are pleased that co-operation between the State Government, the land council and Traditional Owners has enabled this claim to be determined through mediation rather than through a protracted and expensive court hearing, and we look forward to a similar resolution of claims on the mainland," he said.

Parties to the consent determination included the

Queensland Government, Mornington Shire Council, Airservices Australia, Telstra Corporation, Ergon Energy, sub-lessees and permit holders.

After two years of negotiations to reach agreement about how their rights would co-exist, the applicants approached the Federal Court seeking a consent determination to ratify the agreement.

The claimed area included unallocated State land, special leases, land leases, permit land and reserves.

In 2004, the court recognised the non-exclusive native title rights over the sea surrounding the Wellesley Islands group. -AAP

## Benefits on the agenda



INFORMATION sessions have been held across Australia to invite suggestions on better ways for Indigenous people to

gain benefits from native title agreements.

The Federal Government has released a discussion paper on the subject, with a major point being the engagement between Indigenous Australians and industry.

"One area of focus for government is the engagement between Indigenous Australians and the resources industry, particularly in the area of agreements about access to Indigenous land to facilitate mining and other resource development activities," the paper says.

"It is generally acknowledged that many Indigenous Australians live on land rich in resources that create wealth for the nation and for many businesses, but delivers little in respect of equitable wealth distribution and wealth generation for Indigenous Australians.

"While the opportunity presented by the minerals industry to Indigenous communities is increasing, so too are the demands

placed on Indigenous communities to engage effectively in highly complex commercial negotiations about access to land and related economic development initiatives.

"Over the past 20 years it is estimated that the minerals industry has contributed some \$500 billion into the Australian economy and it employs approximately 340,000 people, directly and in related industries, mostly in regional Australia.

"It is also estimated that there are over 340 new resource development projects proposed for Australia in the coming years."

The Federal Government has promised to respond to the consultations and submissions in a feedback report in early 2009.

The native title strategy is part of the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy the Government will release in 2009.

Submissions must be received by 13 February. To view the discussion paper go to [www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenous/native\\_title\\_discussion\\_paper/default.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenous/native_title_discussion_paper/default.htm)

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Njamal community members with Pilbara Native Title Service and Atlas Iron officials.

## Njamal quick to sign Pilbara deal



THE Njamal native title claim group and Atlas Iron Ltd have signed a deal which sets a new precedent

for mining companies throughout Western Australia, according to the Pilbara Native Title Service (PNTS).

Service Chief Executive Simon Hawkins said the agreement was negotiated in three meetings over just six weeks.

"The speed at which this agreement was reached was very much due to Atlas's long-term relationship with the Njamal people," he said.

"They came to the negotiating table with respect for the Njamal people's rights to culture and country, a willingness to make a good offer and a commitment to following the correct process.

"When companies have this approach, things can happen very quickly."

Mr Hawkins said the agreement was the tenth

significant mining deal reached by the Njamal, confirming their status as one of the leading native title negotiators in the country.

The agreement, that covers Atlas's Abydos project and allows for vast tracts of tenements within the Pilbara region, combines protection of Njamal country with a mining compensation package well above the current benchmark for native title commercial agreements in the Pilbara.

### Innovative

Mr Hawkins said the agreement, which was signed on 8 December, establishes an innovative heritage framework under which Atlas can accelerate the heritage survey process, thereby accessing country faster than its competitors, while at the same time recognising the importance to Njamal people of their cultural sites through ethnographic 'exclusion zones'.

"The agreement also sets

up systems for Njamal people and Atlas Iron to develop joint business initiatives," he said.

"As an alternative to a signature payment, Atlas Iron has agreed to help capitalise a Njamal business that will then enter into a service contract with Atlas Iron."

Njamal Traditional Owner Rodney Monaghan said the community was happy the agreement managed to balance the protection of their country with commercial realities. "Atlas presented an agreement that not only supports the protection of our cultural sites, but offered us an opportunity to enter into an enterprise business with the company," he said.

"As a community it's important that we build a strong future from commercial agreements, and maintain and protect our heritage, laws and customs."

Atlas's David Flanagan said the Njamal people and Pilbara Native Title Service had shown a willingness to do a good deal.

## Native title documentary in Chinese

A CHINESE translation of a native title documentary has been produced in response to the increasing number of Chinese investors in Australia's mining sector. The National Native Title Tribunal produced the Chinese subtitled version of its *15 Years of*

*Native Title* documentary to promote Chinese investors' understanding of Australia's native title laws.

The *15 Years of Native Title* DVD, released in January this year, documents native title since it was first legally recognised in Australia.



# Kool and Deadly



SINGER and didgeridoo player Joe Gela performs during Melbourne community radio station 3KND's (Kool 'n' Deadly) second annual Indigenous Music Week, held this month. Some of Victoria's best music acts performed live in the studios, highlighting the depth of Indigenous music talent in the State. Full report – page 57. Photo by JAMES HENRY

## Mt Niggerhead's new name sparks concern

By DARREN COYNE



A ROW has erupted over the renaming of Mt Niggerhead in Victoria's Alpine National Park.

After decades of controversy over its name, State Environment Minister Gavin Jennings has renamed the mountain, Mt Jaithmathang, after one the traditional languages of the Bogong High Plains.

But the Dhudhuroa Native Title (DNT) group has claimed that the 1846-metre peak is part of their country, and the proposed name is as offensive as Mt Niggerhead.

DNT's Gary Murray said it was like 'renaming Australia as England'.

"This is offensive to our people. The Jaithmathang are from the other side of Omeo, which are miles away. The name is linguistically and culturally inappropriate," he said.

Mr Murray said Dhudhuroa members were considering legal action to force the Minister to reconsider the new name.

Despite the objections from the Dhudhuroa group, the State Government

stuck by its decision, with the renaming the mountain on 12 December.

"The renaming was achieved through a partnership between the Registrar of Geographic Names, the Geographic Place Names Advisory Committee, Parks Victoria, the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages and the members of the reference group, which includes the Bidawal, Taungurung, Jaithmathang, Monero-Ngarigo, Ngarigu, Gunnaikurnai, Mitambula and Dhudhuroa Traditional Owner groups," he said.

"The renaming of these features is an important step towards replacing inappropriate place names on the Victorian map with Indigenous names," Mr Jennings said.

Victorian Alpine Aboriginal Reference Group Chairman Ernie Innes, a Taungurung traditional owner, told *The Koori Mail* a lot of research had gone into the proposed name.

"The name Jaithmathang was chosen because they are the language group for that area," he said.

Mr Innes said the Dhudhuroa group had been involved in the renaming process since 2006.

# Housing 'needs millions'

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



AN audit of remote community housing in Western Australia has found that more than 2000 houses are in a bad state of repair, at least \$500,000 will be needed for repairs, and a further \$500,000 for the

connection or re-establishment of essential services.

The WA Department of Housing and Works (DHW) report was also scathing of successive governments for adopting what it called the 'build and abandon' policy in remote outposts where houses were constructed without a budget for maintenance or services.

The report also said there was an 'epidemic' of abandoned houses in remote communities that were in such a bad state of disrepair that they posed health and safety risks.

WA Housing and Works Minister Troy Buswell said about 90 per cent of homes in 130 communities throughout the State needed major repairs, and Federal assistance would be needed to provide or restore essential services.

The Federal Government has committed to providing nearly \$2 billion over the next 10 years for Indigenous housing, but it was not known how much of that money was earmarked for WA.

The tenancy arm of DHW, Homeswest, has also conducted more than 70 consultation meetings around WA as part of its strategy to improve relations between the housing provider and the Aboriginal community.

Homeswest Indigenous Issues Manager Patrick Egan said maintenance and essential services were by far the subject of most concern to people during the consultation process over the past year.

He said there were concerns not only about the lack of maintenance being carried out by contractors but also the quality of the work.

"The issue that always came up around the State from all those meetings was about the lack of repairs and maintenance that was being undertaken by contractors who we engage to perform those duties," he said.

"When you think of all the budget restraints and everything else that people are confronted with nowadays, repairs and maintenance was a big issue."

Mr Egan said there had been a cultural shift in the way Homeswest dealt with

Indigenous tenants, and many of the hardline practices of the past, such as eviction for overcrowding were no longer applied.

"Over the last 12 months we've got the message through to Homeswest that you can't use overcrowding as an eviction tool," he said. "Because the problem occurs for many reasons."

"We're not about evicting people any more, it's about sustaining tenancies and working through the issues so that people can have stable tenancy, and treating people differently so that we get the same result without penalising people."

"Over the last five years there's been a lot of work done to change the policies of the past which were hard on our people, and the strategic direction of the department now is to consult more with Aboriginal families and be more sensitive to their needs."

Nyoongar Elder Charlie Kickett said that while he appreciated Homeswest was trying to change the way it treated Aboriginal tenants, people were still being threatened with eviction for overcrowding.

"On the ground we don't see any changes, and there's still overcrowding by families struggling to keep a roof over their head," he said.

"People are not evicted for overcrowding like they used to be, but they're still getting threatened all the time, and with overcrowding there are sometimes disagreements, and that causes complaints from neighbours, so the cycle goes on."

"A great number of our people are homeless and we can't just kick them out on the street. We challenge Homeswest all the time because we come from a caring and sharing culture and we don't turn people away who don't have somewhere to sleep."

Mr Egan said the cultural shift in Homeswest would not be visible straight away, but middle and senior management now had a better

understanding of the needs of Aboriginal families.

"There's no doubt there's a lot of work to be done and there's a lot of education for the people who work for us to understand Nyoongar and other Aboriginal people and where we're coming from," he said.

"That change won't happen overnight, or even in two or three years, but as long as we start the ball rolling in getting our non-Aboriginal staff to understand us as Aboriginal people, only then will we move forward to where we should be and living in a property we're happy with."



PAT EGAN



CHARLIE KICKETT



# Singer back on APY Board

By KIRSTIE PARKER

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EMBATTLED Bernard Singer has been re-elected as Chairperson of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Executive Board on

Aboriginal lands in the far north of South Australia. The affirmation of Mr Singer's leadership by his fellow board members last week followed the APY elections at the beginning of the month.

It also preceded by just a few days his appearance in the Coober Pedy Magistrate's Court over an assault charge relating to an alleged incident in the town in April. Mr Singer is now due back in court next month.

Since May, SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson has been considering whether an earlier assault charge against Mr Singer constituted a breach of the Executive Board's code of conduct and whether the board should sack him.

In July, Mr Singer faced court on a charge of aggravated assault relating to an altercation over the removal of a sacred tree, which he said he was culturally bound to protect. He was convicted of a lesser assault charge and fined \$2000.

A spokesperson for Mr Atkinson told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that the Attorney-General's assessment of the matter was continuing.

"The Attorney is seeking further legal advice," she said. "It is a fairly complicated legal issue. When he gets that advice, he'll be in a better position to make a decision."

The spokesperson declined to say whether the second assault charge would be taken into account.

Under the APY Land Rights Act 1981, the Government can ask the 10-member board to dismiss members, including office bearers, who breach its code of conduct.

Twenty-one candidates ran in the APY elections on 3 December. One of Mr Singer's main adversaries on the board, Gary Lewis from Pukatja (Ernabella), failed in his bid for re-election, while another, Leonard Burton, from Amata, was elected unopposed. Mr Lewis and Mr Burton had earlier called on Mr Singer to step aside from his position.

Before Mr Singer's re-election as chairman, APY Lands General Manager Ken Newman told ABC Radio that once the matter was settled, the board could focus on

## Poll results

A total of 623 votes were received in the APY elections, which were overseen by the State Electoral Commission. No women were elected.

**Pipalyatjara/Kalka:** Nyukuti Watson, elected unopposed

**Amata/Tjurma:** Leonard Burton, elected unopposed

**Kanypi/Nyaperi/Angatja:** Anton Baker, elected with 39 out of 49 votes cast

**Watarru:** Charlie Anytjipalya, elected with 19 out of 40 votes

**Kaltjiti/Irintata/Watinuma:** Murray George, elected with 45 out of 86 votes

**Anillalya/Turkey Bore:** Kawaki Thompson, elected with 58 out of 89 votes

**Pukatja/Yunyarinyi:** Jamie Nyaningu, elected with 65 out of 112 votes

**Mimili:** Tony Campbell, elected with 70 out of 127 votes

**Iwantja:** Ronnie Brumby, elected with 41 out of 81 votes

**Amuruna/Railway Bore/Wiltjintja/Wallatinna:** Bernard Singer, elected with 31 out of 39 votes.

dealing with issues such as the housing shortages.

"We've been working extensively with the State and the Commonwealth over the last couple of years putting together this \$25 million housing deal and that was all signed off recently, so we're hoping that the construction of those new houses will commence early in the new year and then we'll continue to tackle some of the big issues affecting the Lands," he said.

Severe overcrowding was identified as a possible contributor to child sexual abuse on the Lands, which earlier this year, retired judge Ted Mullighan found to be rife.

The State Government has agreed to build about 70 new houses on the Lands and upgrade others in return for short-term leases on affected community land. It has also increased the number of police and child protection workers there.

Last month, Mr Singer said APY would seek independent advice in relation to a scoping study that led to State Government plans to establish a further regional body to oversee service delivery on the Lands.



William Moran, Uncle Graham (Boots) Cooper and Joyce Cooper at the Parliament House ceremony.

## Tree-planting will honour a great man



SEVENTY trees will be planted in Israel to honour an Aboriginal man who led a protest against the German Nazi regime's treatment of

Jewish people.

Seventy years ago, an Aboriginal rights activist William Cooper marched from his home in Footscray, in Melbourne's west, to the Nazi German consulate in South Melbourne.

When he arrived, Mr Cooper delivered a formal protest against Kristallnacht (Crystal Night) a Germany-wide Jewish pogrom in November 1938, which happened in a country he had not seen, to a people he did not know.

At the time, almost nobody else around the world had the courage to protest against the Nazi regime's treatment of the Jewish people.

"When many countries around the world did not act, he did," his 80-year-old grandson, Alfred 'Boydy' Turner, told 300 people at Victoria's Parliament House last week.

"This quiet man found time for others. Today, he would apologise for not being able to do more in 1938."

Members of Melbourne's Jewish and Indigenous communities turned out in force on December 2 to remember and pay tribute to Mr Cooper.

Victorian Premier John Brumby, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Jewish Community Council of Victoria President John Searle all spoke about the importance of Mr Cooper's actions.

In Mr Cooper's honour, the Jewish National Fund will plant 70 trees in the Martyr's Forest, and the Israeli Embassy in Australia will fund a family member's travel to Israel to witness the planting.

Ambassador Yuval Rotem, who took a personal interest in the protest after reading about it on a museum visit, honoured Mr Cooper and the Australian Aboriginal League.

"Alone, they stood at the door and, although their message was largely ignored, it is still heard by the pages of history," the ambassador told the audience.

Ambassador Rotem also warned about the danger of silence in the face of injustice.

"The convenience of silence is as evil as the greatest crime," he said.

"We cannot afford the luxury of inaction, indifference and silence."



Uncle Boydie Cooper, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Auntie Ella Peters (Cooper) at the ceremony.



Christine Jackson (Cooper) and Israel's Ambassador, Yuval Rotem.

At the conclusion of the event, Shmuel Rosenkranz, a Jewish community stalwart and Kristallnacht survivor, spoke about the significance of Mr Cooper's protest.

Mr Rosenkranz recalled that when he arrived in Australia in 1939, somebody showed him a newspaper cutting reporting the protest.

"The rest of the world was silent, but William Cooper and the Australian Aboriginal League had the courage, in spite of all their problems, to care and not be bystanders," Mr Rosenkranz said. "Let us not be bystanders. Let us be activists to avoid another Kristallnacht anywhere in the world."

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Natasha and Nola Williams with, front from left, littlies Nia-Anthony, Jessie, Sissy and Natjaydea Williams.



# Xmas in Redfern



REDFERN in Sydney got into the Christmas spirit earlier in the month. More than 100 people gathered at The Block for carols and other performances from Waterloo Hillsong, Sharnee Fenwick, Shauntali and more. The free event, celebrating the theme 'In unity', was co-ordinated by the Aboriginal Housing Company, Oz Harvest and the Hillsong Youth Group. SOLUA MIDDLETON joined in the festive Christmas spirit and took these photos of her fellow carollers.



TOP: Lester and Helen Roberts enjoyed the Christmas celebration.

ABOVE: PJ and Nola Williams were among the people at The Block.

RIGHT: Kahila Strong and Candice Donohue.



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## Heritage role for Huggins



**QUEENSLANDER** Jackie Huggins, pictured, has been invited

to join the Australian Heritage Council.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garratt said the Indigenous academic and community leader would bring a wealth of experience to the role.

Dr Huggins is an author and honorary doctor of the University of Queensland, who was also a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and co-chair of Reconciliation Australia. She is of the Bidjara and Birri-Gubba Juru people.

## Fire alarm sounded on smoke



**THE NSW Fire Brigade** is urging Aboriginal householders

to invest in a smoke alarm for their home.

"Smoke alarms are reasonably cheap and can save lives as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage," said NSW Fire Brigades Aboriginal Services Officer Terry Hill.

"Time is everything in a fire. It can take only a few minutes for a flame to spread and engulf your home in fire. By having working smoke alarms, you can give yourself more time to escape."

"In the event of fire, ring Triple Zero (000) and the closest fire brigade will respond to limit the damage caused by the fire."

"If you're asleep at the time of the fire, the smoke, which is full of toxic gases, may numb your senses and put you into a deeper sleep. The high-pitched sound of a smoke alarm is designed to wake you and other family members before the smoke causes potentially fatal damage to your lungs."

Mr Hill said all residential accommodation in NSW was required by law to have at least one working smoke alarm per floor.

"Home owners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed on each level of a home as required under the NSW Smoke Alarm Legislation," he said.

# Rolf Harris apologises for slur on Aboriginal people



**AUSTRALIAN** entertainer Rolf Harris has apologised for saying Aboriginal people should 'get off their arses' and clean up their communities.

The septuagenarian, best known for his 1960s hit song *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport* and his love of wobbleboards, was contrite at the official opening of the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) in Canberra on 3 December, after being dressed down by Aboriginal Elder Lowitja O'Donoghue.

Harris's comments, made during a press interview on 27 November for an illustrated book version of *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport*, infuriated Aboriginal people, including West Australian Aboriginal Legal Service Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington.

"You sit at home watching the television and you think to yourself, 'Get up off your arse and clean up the streets your bloody self. Why would you expect somebody to come in and clean up your garbage, which you've dumped everywhere'," Harris said during the Melbourne press interview. "But then you have to think to yourself that it's a different attitude to life."

Harris also said that Aboriginal young people were neither expected nor encouraged to take responsibility for their actions until they became adults and routinely 'smashed' everything they owned.

Professor O'Donoghue, whose portrait by Adelaide artist Robert Hannaford hangs prominently in



Rolf Harris inspects Lowitja O'Donoghue's portrait in the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra on 3 December. A portrait of Eddie Mabo is also visible. AAP Image

the NPG alongside one of the late native title rights campaigner Eddie Mabo, told *The Koori Mail* she took Harris aside during the event so as not to disrupt the proceedings. Once in a private room, she told him that his comments had deeply hurt her and other Aboriginal people.

Professor O'Donoghue, the 1984 Australian of the Year and inaugural ATSIC Chairperson, said Harris said at first that he'd made his comments when he was jetlagged and suffering from a viral infection, "but I told him that was no excuse".

She asked him to do two

things: to never again sing an offensive verse from *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport* which referred to Aboriginal people as 'Abos' and 'of no further use', and to apologise for his more recent comments. Harris agreed to both.

### Documentary

Emerging from the meeting, the largely England-based performer told gathered media he wanted to apologise for any offence that he had caused. He said he'd made his comments in response to a documentary he had seen about the state of Indigenous accommodation

around Uluru. "It's all a matter of feeling really rough and having somebody jump on to me for a quote about something or other," he said.

"I quite honestly should have kept my mouth shut, and gritted my teeth and not said anything. I would just like to apologise for causing offence to anybody."

Professor O'Donoghue told gathered media, "We fixed it all up".

"We shook hands and then we embraced," she told *The Koori Mail* later.

"As far as I am concerned, the matter's settled now."

# Qld councils in vow to appeal

By DARREN COYNE



**TWO** Aboriginal councils have vowed to appeal against a Supreme Court ruling that has shut down their canteens.

Aurukun Council Chief Executive John Bensch told *The Koori Mail* last week that his council would join with Kowanyama Council in lodging the appeal by Friday (19 December).

Mr Bensch said the closure of the canteen already had resulted in residents travelling to neighbouring towns in search of alcohol, instead of being able to buy light beer at the canteen.

"There is sly grog and home-brewing and we're worried about suicide because of depression," he said.

There were also fears that children would be neglected by parents leaving them to go in search of alcohol.

Mr Bensch said the council had invited private tenders for its canteen and had

awarded the contract to Sam Kanjo, who operates restaurants in Brisbane.

But the Queensland Liquor Licensing Division has so far not issued a licence, leaving the community without its canteen during the Christmas period.

"The Government needs to accept that the tavern is the only place for leisure and socialising because of the remoteness of the community. The tavern and restaurant are combined so we've lost the restaurant as well," he said.

### Bad time

"This is a really bad time because people want to have parties and get together and have fun."

"I think it's unfair to the community because this is not happening in mainstream areas. To me, it's a racial issue."

"Council feels the whole approach towards the case was not reasonable and was unfair."

"All the circumstances have not been taken into account because there's other

communities - I think in the Torres Strait - that have facilities for taverns up until the end of December."

Kowanyama Mayor Thomas Hudson has also said the council would appeal against the decision.

"I'm very sad as a leader of this community to see that happen. Why does Kowanyama have to suffer?" he said.

Cr Hudson said he was deeply worried there would be an increase of alcohol-fuelled violence.

Meanwhile, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey is worried more people might get into trouble after five men had to be rescued after their grog run to the mainland turned bad.

Just a day after the canteen on Palm Island was closed, the five men told their families they were going fishing. Instead they headed to the mainland where they each bought a carton of beer. On the way back, their four-metre dinghy ran out of fuel and they spent 32 hours drifting at sea in their leaky boat before finally being rescued.





Celebrating the graduation ceremony in Cherbourg were sisters Raimone French and Sharon French (standing) and, seated from left, Kate Hams, Bronwyn Murray and Stacey Taylor.



Standing, from left, William Burton, Lee-Ann Cliff, Russell Cobbo and Toni Kopp. Seated, from left, Elder Beryl Gambrell, Joseph Sullivan, Elder Joseph 'Gramps' Button Snr, and Shaqur Cliff.

# Pride in Cherbourg

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IF the curiosity of local kids gathered outside the Cherbourg Welfare Hall on 4 December was anything to go by, the celebration held there to mark the graduation of the area's Indigenous Year 12 students was a success in more ways than one.

The fact that something very special involving their older brothers, sisters, cousins, parents and Elders was going on inside the hall wasn't lost on the youngsters.

And though time will tell how those seeds will bear fruit in future generations, the sense of community pride on the night was undeniable.

The 19 graduates were from four South Burnett schools in the Wide Bay West education district - Murgon State High School, Nanango State School, Kingaroy State School and St Mary's Catholic College at Kingaroy. Twelve graduates attended the celebration.

Nine of the graduates were from Murgon SHS and Principal Brian King was chuffed at his school's results, which he attributed to the students' own perseverance, good staff and good relationships.

"(The combined graduation celebration) makes sure their achievement is celebrated. It's a



Some of the Cherbourg area's 19 Indigenous Year 12 graduates for 2008. Pictured in front, centre, is Murgon State High School Principal Brian King.

good thing to do; it puts a really positive message across," Mr King told *The Koori Mail*.

"Having the Elders there was certainly significant because it is a whole-of-community achievement. There are so many people who can stand up and say 'I helped'."

Mr King spoke of local teacher Chantelle Brown, and Barambah Aboriginal Medical Centre Chief Executive Officer Bruce Simpson, both of them former Murgon SHS

students, who returned to the area after completing their university studies.

He also singled out school community education counsellors Sharon French and Neil Simpson, who provide intensive mentoring and other support for students.

When *The Koori Mail* arrived at Cherbourg in the hours before the graduation ceremony, Neil and Sharon were decorating the hall with red, black and yellow

balloons intermingled with blue, green and white ones.

"The fact that Neil and Sharon have that really positive relationship with the community is a result of the hard work that the students and the rest of the community see them put in," Mr King said.

"That's why they're so highly regarded."

Ms French said the graduation was a way for the local Elders to

acknowledge and recognise the great achievements of our up-and-coming generation'.

Elder Joseph 'Gramps' Button Snr welcomed everybody to the celebratory dinner, before a performance by the local Wakka Wakka Dancers.

Michael Tuahine and the Muddy Flats Band entertained guests in between speeches by Mr King and other school representatives, and local Elder Uncle John Stanley.

"We have to give ourselves the opportunity to go forward," Uncle John said.

"That's why education is so vital. It lets you stand up in any community, in any country in the world. You are just as good as anybody else."

Murgon SHS graduate Dyella Morgan, 17, told *The Koori Mail* she was still deciding what she'd do with her new qualification, but would use it to make a good life for her one-year-old daughter Krishanti.

Michael Clemons, 18, who went to St Mary's Catholic College, said he had enjoyed school and it felt good to graduate.

"It's a big deal for my family too," he said.

The graduation ceremony was supported by the Cherbourg Council, Us Mob radio station, the Smith Family and the local Aboriginal Community Interest Consultative Committee (ACICC) which gave each of the graduates a \$200 gift certificate.

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# Meninga's message

## Think about education, students told

By ALF WILSON



QUEENSLAND State of Origin rugby league coaching legend Mal Meninga had an apt and timely message for Indigenous students as the school year ended. Former champion player Meninga wants them to think about the importance of education in the holidays, and he shared this view with a large audience of students while on a visit to Palm Island, north Queensland.

Mr Meninga is President of PASS Australia, which aims to improve the lives of Indigenous youths by promoting physical health, self-esteem, leadership potential, academic and sporting achievement.

He was on Palm Island on 2 December to present certificates in community recreation from the Bwgcolman Community and Kirwan High Campus after a year of dedication to the PASS program.

Certificate recipients were Kiefer Ling, Michael Noble, Zenovia Nallajar, Sam Coutts, Walter James, John Sibley and Yolanda Kerr. Also there was Chris Bourne,



On Palm Island for the ceremony were, from left, Brenden Jones, Yolanda Kerr, Kiefer Ling, Michael Noble, Mal Meninga, Zenovia Nallajar, Sam Coutts, Walter James, John Sibley, Russell O'Neill, Michael Gleadow, Chris Bourne and Aaron Bulow.

who works for PASS at the Kirwan High Centre in Townsville and comes home to Palm Island for holidays.

Townsville Area Co-ordinator for PASS Australia Michael Gleadow and Brisbane-based CEO Brenden Jones were also at the ceremony, held near the Palm Island beach.

"Mal is a role model and it was great to have him here," Mr Gleadow said.

Mr Meninga said it was his first time on Palm and he enjoyed some local fish and chips before the ceremony.

Ironically, the visit was on the same day that the QRL backed Mr Meninga for the national rugby league coaching job if Ricky

Stuart was sacked after his conduct following Australia's shock World Cup final loss to New Zealand.

Last September, the QRL gave Mr Meninga a three-year extension of his Maroons coaching job and has said if he was appointed Australian coach he could retain the Queensland position.

Mr Meninga stressed the importance of education to the large audience on Palm Island.

"I know the value of education. You all know (NRL) players like Jonathan Thurston, Greg Inglis and Darren Lockyer, and whilst they make lots of money at the highest level

of sport, they have similar messages that you must have education and skills to get jobs once you retire," he said.

"(Olympic champion) Cathy Freeman visits here a lot, and she has a similar opinion. You may get 10 years in sport but what you do when you finish, you need a job!"

Guests at the ceremony were welcomed to country by Allan Palm Island and academic awards were presented to students from Bwgcolman Community School before the PASS certificates were presented.

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# ENOUGH



Family of the late Ted Simpson gathered at the National Museum of Australia.



# Mayor honoured

## Display recognises one of Brewarrina's finest



THE National Museum of Australia has recognised the contribution, commitment and dedication of the late Edward 'Teddy Guy' Simpson, the first Aboriginal person to be elected a mayor in New South Wales.

Members of the Simpson family travelled from Brewarrina to Canberra to see the museum's display and share some of their memories of the late Mayor Simpson (1944-2007).

"History is made by people, often when they don't realise it," Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program at the National Museum of Australia Director Michael Pickering said. "Local stories and local lives are all part of the nation's history. Ted Simpson is one such story of one such life. The

National Museum is privileged to share it."

In 2004, Ted Simpson became Mayor of Brewarrina, in the far west of NSW.

His political career began in the 1960s in the shearing sheds of rural Australia. He went on to become involved in Aboriginal politics and organisations such as Aboriginal Development Commission and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

### Adviser

He served on the National Aboriginal Conference from 1977 to 1985, during which time he advised the Prime Minister, and Federal and State government agencies on Aboriginal issues.

"We thank the staff for everything they've done to have Dad's story included at the Museum," said Liz

Simpson, Mr Simpson's eldest daughter.

"Dad was not one to blow his own trumpet as he was a humble man. It's such a privilege for him to be recognised at this level."

The display features objects from the National Museum's Edward Simpson Collection, including Ted Simpson's 2007 Mayoral outfit, images of Mayor Simpson in Brewarrina, and a commemorative plaque awarded to him by the Walgett community.

The display also includes some objects on loan from the Simpson family, such as the Mudi Paaki Citizen of the Year 2004 Cup awarded to Mr Simpson in recognition of his life's work in serving his community and achieving representation for Aboriginal people in mainstream political processes.



Ted Simpson's widow Nolene and his oldest grandson Blake Edwards.  
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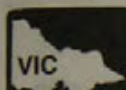
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# Governance in Gippsland



INDIGENOUS community organisations in Victoria's Gippsland are developing stronger governance skills.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister

Richard Wynne said a three-day workshop to build the skills of Indigenous organisations was held in Traralgon as part of the Government's Managing Two Worlds Governance Training Program.

The 14 participants at the three-day

introductory workshop included staff from Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative and Ramahyck District Aboriginal Corporation.

The workshop was the second held in Gippsland under the program, following a workshop in Lakes Entrance in September 2007.

Participants attend sessions on identifying conflicts of interest, understanding legal obligations and board responsibilities, business planning and risk analysis.

# Talks focus on uranium



At the Perth meeting were, from left, Allan 'Boyo' Mitchell, Rodney Bellotti and Toby Smirke.



MORE than 100 delegates gathered in Perth recently to attend a special conference on uranium and native title.

The conference, organised by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, attracted representatives from uranium-affected claim groups, the uranium mining industry, government departments, environmental groups and other representative bodies.

The event was held in response to the WA Government's recent decision to lift the ban on uranium mining, and aimed to inform and educate Traditional Owners and industry on uranium issues and the native title implications for Country.

Yamatji Land and Sea Council Chairperson Roy Bellotti said the gathering was important to share information about the

pros and cons of uranium mining. But he said Indigenous leaders needed to learn more to make the best decisions for their people.

Pilbara Native Title Services Chairperson Doris Eaton said she wanted to meet others who have had uranium mining on their country.

"I want to know how they have felt, and what they have had to do. What has been the impact on the land, the trees and birds?" she said.

"We need to learn these things before we sign, to make sure we can protect our country for the future."

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Officer Simon Hawkins said the land council had taken the first step.

"Now we call on the State Government and industry to proactively engage with us in what is an important and complex issue," he said.

"I would like to point out that as a land council and representative body, we take direct instructions from the Traditional Owners we represent."

"Therefore, we believe it is important that our organisation does not take an ideological standpoint on uranium. Importantly, we need to ensure Traditional Owners are properly consulted, and provided with all the information they need to make informed decisions."

"With regards to uranium activity, this includes addressing concerns related to impact on places of cultural significance, increased exposure to radiation, environmental impact, the location of any waste disposal and any consequent generational loss of country."

"And, should uranium mining proceed, we expect native title commercial negotiations to be conducted with professionalism and respect."

# Evidence rules changed



INDIGENOUS people, children and disabled people will be given more flexibility when giving evidence in court. The Senate has passed a bill that will allow children and people with disabilities to provide narrative evidence, rather than by the customary question and answer format.

Evidence given by Indigenous Australians about traditional customs passed down orally will now be recognised, with changes to the hearsay rules for courts.

And judges will be prevented from harassing or intimidating vulnerable witnesses during cross-examination.

Liberal Senator George Brandis, a former lawyer, said the new Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 would bring into effect a number of important changes.

"To most people, I suspect, the rules of evidence would be a very dry subject, but to me, as a lawyer, they are endlessly fascinating," he said. "This is ... a very, very important day, this is a very, very important Bill." - AAP



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## Reopening of the Indigenous wages and savings reparations offer

In 2002, the Queensland Government created the Indigenous wages and savings reparation scheme to offer payments to Indigenous Queenslanders who had their wages and savings controlled by past governments.

The reparation scheme is now being reopened to eligible Indigenous Queenslanders who chose not to accept the original offer, or for Indigenous Queenslanders who did not apply.

If you have already received a reparation payment, you will not be able to apply for the new offer.

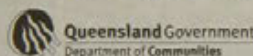
The new reparation payments of \$3500 or \$7000 are subject to the same criteria as the original offer. These are that a person was:

- alive on 9 May 2002, and
- subject to government controls over their wages and savings, and
- born on or before 31 December 1951, or
- born between 1 January 1952 and 31 December 1956.

The offer is being made to ensure that as many eligible Indigenous Queenslanders as possible have the opportunity to apply for the scheme.

Applications are now open and will close 31 January 2009 for Australian residents or 30 April 2009 for people in Papua New Guinea.

For more information contact the Reparations Team:  
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email: [reparations@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:reparations@communities.qld.gov.au)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

## Lessons from the master



**SWIMMING** supercoach Lawrie Laurence and rugby league stars Steve Renouf and Rod Jensen recently visited north Queensland centres to promote the benefits of an active lifestyle to kids. Lawrence has coached some of the biggest names in Australian swimming and is now actively involved in water safety for children.

He and Steve Renouf proved a big hit at Yarrabah, Doomadgee and Aurukun, with Rod Jensen, a former North Queensland Cowboys NRL player, joining the team on Thursday Island.

They were part of a tour supported by the Queensland Government.

● Pictured: Laurie Lawrence teaching students of Tagai State College on Thursday Island the 'Kids Alive, Do the Five' message.

## Showcase for music festival



Singer Roger Knox, centre, with Tamworth Country Music Festival workshop facilitator Charlie Trindall, right, and Department of Aboriginal Affairs Regional Manager Tad Kiernski.



**DUST** off those cowboy boots and get involved. That's the message to Indigenous people from the organisers of next month's Tamworth Country Music Festival. Organiser and Aboriginal country music singer Roger Knox wants to see plenty of Indigenous Australians playing a part in Tamworth.

A highlight will be the Annual Cultural Showcase, a dedicated Aboriginal event held for one week from Monday 19 January. Up-and-coming Indigenous artists will be encouraged to show off their talents,

performing on stage using a professional quality sound system and with access to an experienced backing band.

Knox says there'll be workshops during the week, and 2008 Deadly Award nominee Charlie Trindall, country music legend Roger Knox, blues musician Buddy Knox and the Tamworth-based Gomeroi Dance Company will be on hand to mentor interested artists. Performance, song-writing, releasing as an independent, industry know-how and copyright are among a list of topics that will be covered in the free workshops.

"We are looking forward to a really big event in 2009 with lots of great opportunities for new entrants to the industry," said Knox.

Event organisers said the showcase would also give Aboriginal people 'a special place to perform, gather and promote their talents'. Participants with all levels of experience are encouraged to attend.

The Cultural Showcase is funded through Festivals Australia and the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, and relies on the goodwill of community volunteers for support.



Australian Government

## Indigenous Program Funding Opportunities

The Australian Government is providing funding to organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to deliver the following programs:

- National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program
- Indigenous Culture Support Program
- Indigenous Broadcasting Program
- Indigenous Heritage Program
- Indigenous Women's Program
- Public Awareness Program
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice Program
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Program.
- Law and Justice Advocacy Development Program.
- Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Program.

Organisations that are committed to working in partnership with government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and want to make a difference in the community, are encouraged to apply.

For information on each of these programs and how to apply visit [www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)

Organisations have the opportunity to apply using the Electronic Submissions Online (eSub) from 12 December 2008. Alternatively, contact your local Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) for more information by phoning National 1800 079 098, Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submissions for all Programs, except the Public Awareness Program (PAP), must be lodged online or at your nearest ICC by 5 pm 20 February 2009. Applications for PAP funding may be submitted throughout the year through ICCs. This includes funding for NAIDOC activities.

[www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)



# Better times in store



SIX months ago, people from Jilkminggan in the Northern Territory who wanted to buy good food for their families would often travel 300km to Katherine and back.

Their community store was in a dark, dirty and hot tin shed, most of the stock was unsaleable and the limited food items it did have were very expensive.

Early this month, members of the small community near Mataranka came together to celebrate the reopening of their store, which now sells nearly 1000 products including fresh fruit and vegetables.

"We are very proud of our shop now," store committee chairman Robert Smiler said. "The old store was no good, no good tucker, but now there is a lot of good food, fruit and veg and meat."

The change came about after the local Dungalalan Aboriginal Association decided it needed to improve the situation and began working with Outback Stores and the Federal Government to arrange an alternative licensing arrangement for their store.

"Locals could see they needed to improve their store," Mr Smiler said. "We needed to find someone who could help us and work together with the community to make the store better."

To bring food security to the community as quickly as possible, Outback Stores, the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the store committee joined forces to bring the store back to life in the original shed, which re-opened under Outback Stores management in July.

While passing all health and safety requirements, conditions in the old shed



LEFT: John Kop, of Outback Stores, store committee chairman Robert Smiler and Major-General Dave Chalmers at the reopening celebrations. RIGHT: All smiles shopping in the revamped store are Leonie McDonald with her niece Tilarna.



were far from ideal, and it was clear a major refurbishment was needed.

This began in October through the assistance of the Flexible Funding Pool under the NT Emergency Response, or intervention, which contributed \$160,000 to the cost of the work and running a bus twice a day into Mataranka for the seven weeks the store was closed.

The Jilkminggan store now has a new roof, the ceiling and walls have been insulated and re-lined, air-conditioning has been installed, a new floor laid, ventilation and lighting has been improved and a new storage area and office have been built.

Outback Stores Chief Executive John Kop said the store now had a good chance of making a strong return for the community.

"Jilkminggan is just one of those success stories where you see absolute co-operation with the community, the Government and Outback Stores," he said.

"What we have now is a store that not only has food security, but starts delivering better health outcomes for the people in Jilkminggan."

## Celebration barbecue

The community celebrated the reopening with a barbecue. Among those attending were Outback Stores staff and the Operational Commander of the NTER, Major-General Dave Chalmers, who said the community store had changed from one of the worst he had seen, to a community asset, "a real credit to the community, to

Outback Stores, to our Government Business Manager, who have all worked together to make this happen".

"Food security is one of the keys for improving a whole range of aspects of life, so if we can make sure there is a good source of healthy food for people, that's going to have an impact on their overall health, their life expectancy, on how kids can concentrate at school – a whole range of things," he said. "A good store is a very important centrepiece for a community."

Outback Stores is a company set up in 2006 to manage remote stores on behalf of remote Indigenous communities. A non-government enterprise with an independent board, it returns store profits to communities.



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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### Quote



**'We've got to make sure that we're not the ones who destroy ourselves. We have to have faith in our fellow Indigenous brothers and sisters...'**

— Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma on a new rep body for Indigenous Australians

See report pages 1 and 6

### Unquote

## Challenging times ahead

**T**HE end of 2008 signals both new starts and worrying developments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

A new start in the form of the national representative body that it appears we'll have by the end of 2009. And worrying developments for the future of outstations and bilingual education in the Northern Territory — both of which are under the microscope at the moment.

This week's announcement that Indigenous people will drive the next stage of the representative body process is welcome — in fact vital — if our communities are to engage and own the new structure and related process.

Comments attributed to Patrick Dodson last week with regards to funding for outstations, which the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize winner is reviewing, will surely test the NT Government's preparedness to accept frank and fearless advice on the subject.

Dodson was also quoted as telling a community consultation that other prominent Indigenous leaders such as Warren Mundine, Noel Pearson and Marcia Langton supported the closure of outstations. This unconfirmed pronouncement and the response of Mr Mundine and any of Mr Dodson's other targets won't help unity, but are all part of the sort of frank community discussions which World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE 2008) keynote speaker Graham Hingangaroa Smith called the 'politics of truth'.

Support for NT outstations was also



### OUR SAY

raised by one of the most powerful, though unscheduled, speakers at the international education gathering in Melbourne last week.

When Miliwanga Sandy, from Beswick in the Northern Territory, told how a former local school principal burned precious books written in traditional languages by now deceased community Elders, there was barely a dry eye in the house.

While most people accept that the NT Government genuinely wants to raise literacy levels, few believe that severely limiting the school hours during which Indigenous languages can be taught in classroom is the way to do it.

Rather than using the current imperfect state of outstations and bilingual education — itself a reflection of past and present government failings — to justify the withdrawal of support, the moral thing to do would be to better resource both.

Lastly, we would like to wish all our readers and supporters a safe and enjoyable festive season. We have enjoyed hearing about your news in 2008 and trust we'll see and/or hear from as many of you as possible next year.

## A Yarn With...



### Michael Colbung

Student Support Officer at Adelaide University

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Anything as long as it's meat.

**Favourite other food?**  
Thai.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite music?**  
Acoustic and unplugged.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Surfing, fishing, swimming, diving — anything around the sea.

**What are you reading?**  
A whole lot of stuff for work.

**What are you watching?**  
Shameless on SBS.

**Favourite song?**  
Archie Roach singing Kev Carmody's *Cannot buy my soul*.

**Favourite movie?**  
*Shawshank Redemption*

**What is your greatest highlight in life?**  
My family

**What do you like in life?**  
The simple things

**What do you dislike?**  
Racism in all its ugly forms.

**Who would you most like to meet and why?**  
Jesus, because He is the Carpenter who would be King.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Nick, Nick and Mick. They know who they are.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
I'd improve our health and education; they're the key.

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# Look back on '08



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*  
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Alexander Chalmers (1759 – 1834) an Aberdeen doctor turned celebrated journalist once said: 'The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for'.

AUSTRALIANS are well into the December countdown that will soon surrender yet another year in the new millennium. And what an eventful year it was!

It started with an amazing political buzz that engulfed the nation on 13 February when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd fulfilled his pre-election promise to make an apology to members of the Stolen Generations and their families on the first day of his new parliamentary sitting.

As people sat transfixed to the live broadcast, Prime Minister Rudd's 141st unambiguous word signalled his genuine intention when he said 'sorry'.

And guess what – the world did not implode, nor did the polls drop dramatically as predicted. This was a historic occasion that proved the critics wrong.

The polls from that day forward had a positive trajectory that has slowly increased over the year and had the effect of displacing one Opposition Leader (Brendan Nelson) and perhaps another in the near future.

The sentence, 'For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry', precipitated tears that trickled, then cascaded down

the faces of Australians as they sat motionless watching and absorbing their Prime Minister's eloquent and poignant words in the House of Representatives, on the lawns of Parliament House, in bars and restaurants, office lounges and residential premises around the nation.

The unexplained emotional sensation that caused sudden tears to well in the eyes of proud Australians from his opening sentence was soon fully accepted by them as bearing witness to a momentous occasion. The public apology by our head of government was indeed a special occasion that simply moved a nation to unabashed raw passion the likes of which has not been seen since the 1967 referendum results were declared.

Sadly, the year that saw Indigenous Australians do exceedingly well in sporting and business endeavours also saw a vast majority of our people wallow in dysfunctional communities bereft of leadership and consumed by extreme poverty, alcoholism, drug and gambling addiction, child abuse and despair.

The continued endorsement – even by the progressive Rudd administration – of the Northern Territory intervention policy also highlights the failure of political and bureaucratic figures to address high levels of social dysfunction afflicting these discrete Indigenous communities in remote and rural parts of the Northern Territory.

Perhaps the real problem lies with the people delivering so-called 'quality and informed' advice to government. Unless there is a total overhaul of political advisers – government and non-government – then it will be apparent to all concerned observers that not a lot will change from this draconian policy initiative or others directly affecting our people.

A few public servants and Indigenous political advisers will amass significant money for their retirement fund from the NT intervention. But should the intervention policy fail and the blame game start in Canberra, these public servants and political advisers will be sited far from the dysfunctional communities sipping skinny lattes in their

favourite diner awaiting another Indigenous crisis to arise.

And when another crisis arises – and sure as day turns to night it will – we will see a similar plan of action implemented, where once again the phones will run hot between those select few Indigenous advisers and public servants in Canberra, high on income but low on ideas, to go forth and rescue those poor Aborigines from themselves.

If those sentiments sound painfully like the mission days, well, they are.

Simply throwing millions of taxpayers' dollars at the problem, administered by public servants from air-conditioned offices, presided over by the army, but without adequate consultation with those affected, is not the

between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and other students within a decade

● To halve the gap in employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within a decade

● To at least halve the gap in attainment at Year 12 schooling (or equivalent level) by 2020

● To provide all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander four-year-olds in remote communities with access to a quality preschool program within five years.

However, none of these goals will be achievable without a concerted effort on the part of government to an inclusive Indigenous education campaign.

The ignorance displayed by today's politicians on the topic of Indigenous peoples is not an

unexplainable Darwinian phenomenon, but rather the consequence of an education journey devoid of a genuine Indigenous perspective.

How else can you explain successive farcical Indigenous social policy initiatives being initiated by politicians whose only personal Indigenous experience or knowledge is gained through the media? These overpaid and underperforming public figures are a product of their incomplete schooling.

The aptness of the old saying 'History is written by the conquerors' can be viewed in its literal significance because Indigenous history has been calculatingly excluded from history text books.

The Federal Government must make it conditional on receiving

education grants that all public and private education institutions – primary, secondary and tertiary – be required to deliver a term (minimum of 13 weeks) of compulsory Indigenous studies that cover pre- and post-contact years of British rule in Australia.

Change will come about when all Australians genuinely respect and value Indigenous peoples' culture and their aspirations.

It is apparent that this is not a contemporary redeeming attribute of mainstream Australians.

Ignorance breeds contempt and until the Government of the day makes Indigenous studies mandatory in our schools then we as a nation will have to face the

consequence of derision from abroad and racial unrest from within.

The recent mixed reviews to the movie *Australia* perhaps reflect in part the broader community's ignorance of Australia's true history. Many Australians were genuinely shocked to learn of the Stolen Generations broadly, and the ill-treatment of Indigenous Australians specifically in that era, as graphically depicted throughout the three-hour film.

Director Baz Luhrmann's breathtakingly beautiful \$160 million epic, set in the 1930s, is in many ways representative of a bygone era that mainstream Australia would much rather forget.

How ironic is it that critics constantly celebrate movies such as the 1939 classic *Gone With The Wind* where manipulative woman Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh) and roguish man Rhett Butler (Clark Gable) carry on a tumultuous love affair in America's Deep South during the Civil War.

*Australia* the movie, set in northern Australia before and during World War II, introduces an English aristocrat Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman) and an Australian knock-about called Drover (Hugh Jackman). And guess what – they have a tumultuous love affair against a backdrop of black slavery.

However, instead of African-American slaves from the cotton plantation adding to the romantic intrigue, Luhrmann strategically introduces Indigenous Australians against a backdrop of wanton cruelty at the hands of pioneers attempting to tame Australia's unforgiving interior.

What Luhrmann didn't plan for with his courageous portrayal of Australia's dark history was the upstaging of renowned Hollywood A-listed actors Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman, by a previously unknown first-time Indigenous actor, Brandon Walters, whose role as Nullah may well see him gain an Academy nomination – not as best support actor but as lead actor.

But as the Christmas holidays appear closer by the day let us all reflect on the year that was, and try our best to place family above everything else. As Indigenous people, the Dreamtime stories of our past explained our place in the universe and our cultural lores provided our sustenance and law and order.

And let us not rely on government and our black knights on white horses to champion our cause into the future, but instead return to the ways of our ancestors where family was first, second and last in our universe.

Let the family be our prevailing source of happiness and inspiration for our future actions in much the same manner as Alexander Chalmers intended his famous message to be received when he said: 'The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.'



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivering his historic apology on 13 February this year.

answer and sadly will not deliver the outcomes residents in those communities so desperately deserve.

Prime Minister Rudd's other policy initiatives, although ambitious, are ones which will also be closely monitored by taxpayers:

● To close the life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians within a generation

● To halve the mortality gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and other children under age five within a decade

● To halve the gap in literacy and numeracy achievement



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Brick Pavers Available Now

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For further information download the flyer via the following website address:

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Or alternatively contact Andy Robb, on (08) 8226 8881  
Email: [robb.andy@dpc.sa.gov.au](mailto:robb.andy@dpc.sa.gov.au)

## Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

### St Saviour's Cathedral, Bourke Street, Goulburn

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 23 January 2009.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Louise Thom on (02) 9873 8565.

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## NSW HEALTH

### Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office

Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program –  
Additional Aboriginal Mental Health Workers in  
Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services  
Request For Proposals (DOH 08/30)

NSW Health is seeking applications from not-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) to employ Aboriginal mental health workers to support local Aboriginal people with mental health and well being problems and their families.

This initiative falls within the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program in the NSW Aboriginal Mental Health and Well Being Policy 2006-2010, and is aimed at increasing the Aboriginal mental health workforce in NSW.

It is part of the Non Government Organisation (NGO) Grant Program.

See NSW Health website for further information:  
<http://tenders.nsw.gov.au/health/>

Request For Proposals close on Tuesday 17 February 2009.

For enquiries please contact Catherine Greenwood on Ph: 02 9391 9728 or  
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# Communities must end petrol-sniffing scourge

**H**EALTH is on my agenda. More specifically, I want to discuss the misuse of petrol as substance abuse.

Petrol-sniffing is a significant health risk in our communities, which requires a holistic approach to reduce its consumption from various primary health care service providers and other agencies in our communities.

Historically, the sniffing of petrol started in the early 1950s in the Northern parts of Australia after being introduced to Aboriginal communities by American servicemen. Nowadays petrol sniffing is widespread throughout Australia.

Inhaling petrol is not only done by Aboriginal and Torres Strait people – it is also a non-Indigenous health concern.

Individuals who sniff petrol are largely young people aged seven to 13.

Petrol contains a number of volatile toxic substances that are lethal to the body. It is important to be aware of the short- and long-term effects that these toxic substances



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have on the body. Lead has the potential to have horrific long-term effects, including brain damage.

The immediate effects of petrol sniffing are feelings of euphoria (happy), dizziness, numbness and disassociation with reality. This is followed by hallucinations, slurred speech,

nausea, coughing, impaired judgment, loss of motor skills, delayed reflexes and muscle weakness.

The long-term effects of petrol sniffing are significant and severe. Areas which are affected include the central nervous, circulatory and respiratory systems, liver and kidney function and bone marrow.

In terms of the effects on the central nervous system, long-term consumers are likely to experience brain haemorrhage, seizures, permanent brain cell damage, personality problems (mood swings, hostility and aggression), problems with concentration, memory loss and inability to think clearly and logically.

An individual's circulatory system is also at enormous risk. These include heart damage, blood abnormalities, irregular heart beat and high or sudden decrease in blood pressure.

There are a number of health risks and results from inhaling petrol.

I recommend people reading this column further educate themselves, their families and communities about these risks. Young people who consume volatile substances do it for a number of social factors.

I think as Aboriginal people we have a responsibility to our family and communities to provide a safe and rich living environment. We should do all we can to address issues such as petrol sniffing.

Every community has different needs, and no blanket approach is going to address this issue.

My advice for reducing petrol sniffing is to become involved with your local community service providers such as the Aboriginal medical service, schools, health services, police and Aboriginal organisations.

We need to develop strategies based around early intervention and education that meet the individual needs of communities and implement them with commitment and support.

# 2008 a year of progress

**P**ROGRESS and the prospect of change have been the hallmarks of 2008 for participants in the native title process. For many claimants, this year will be remembered for determinations by the Federal Court that they have native title over their traditional lands.

Others have had to call upon their patience and perseverance as the process of negotiating native title has continued to move forward more slowly than they would have liked.

In February, Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland announced the new Australian Government's objectives for the native title system, which he said aimed to ensure 'native title was not an end in itself'. Mr McClelland emphasised the importance of negotiation in the resolution of land use and ownership issues to produce broader outcomes, the need for more Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) and resources to support their formation and the importance of capitalising on potential economic development opportunities that may come with native title. He urged parties to take a less legalistic approach to native title processes.

These aspirations have been realised in native title determinations and the negotiation of ILUAs around the country this year.

The Ngaanyatjarra, Binjilburu, and Thalyany peoples of Western Australia and the Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi and Eringa claimants for Witjira National Park land in South Australia had their native title rights recognised over large areas of land.

On 9 December, at a hearing on



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Tribunal President  
**GRAEME NEATE**

Mornington Island in north Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria, the Lardil, Yangkaal, Ganggalidda and Kaiadilt people had their native title recognised.

Significantly, all of the determinations that native title exists have been made by agreement of the parties, without the need for contests before the Federal Court.

They bring the number of consent determinations Australia-wide to 71.

More consent determinations are anticipated in the coming months.

The National Native Title Tribunal has continued to work with native title parties

on the development of ILUAs, many of them linked to native title determinations, ensuring that the interests of all parties are represented and prospects for the future are mapped out.

Some 44 ILUAs have been registered this year, bringing the national total to more than 350. More agreements have been made in relation to mining and exploration this year. Through the future act process, the Tribunal has made more than 60 consent determinations that these developments can proceed.

While the importance of progressing native title claims remains, some change is in the wind for 2009. In October, the Attorney-General announced the Australian Government's proposal to amend the Native Title Act to improve the native title system.

The proposal would give the Federal Court additional powers in the mediation of native title applications. The Court would decide if and when to refer matters to mediation, and whether the Tribunal or the Court would conduct mediation.

Irrespective of the changes, the focus remains on mediation and the importance of parties negotiating settlements of native title.

Parties have a broad range of options for settling native title claims, including ILUAs and alternative agreements. It is important that this flexible approach remains under the proposed changes.

The Tribunal looks forward to working with all participants in the native title process in 2009, and beyond, to resolve native title issues over land and waters in many parts of Australia.





# Students have a great time

We are students from Moree Secondary College (northern New South Wales) and recently we were given the opportunity to go to Sydney as part of an education initiative by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) to increase literacy and numeracy skills in Indigenous students.

While in Sydney we were fortunate enough to participate in a range of

once-in-a-lifetime experiences, including watching the Rugby League World Cup game between Australia and New Zealand and the curtain-raiser between the Indigenous Dream Team team and the New Zealand Maoris; meeting the Bondi lifeguards and learning all about surf safety; going up Centrepont tower and trying new things and new foods like burritos and feta cheese.

We all had a fantastic time and found the experience to be very valuable and we hope we can use our new skills to serve our school and community in the future.

JESSICA SMITH, JACK BOWDEN, SHIRALEE WHITTON, KYLE SMITH-SAUNDERS, TREVOR TIGHE, TIFFANY WILSON, JAMES SMITH and all the staff from Moree Secondary College

# Return to the bad old days?

I REFER to two articles appearing on page 8 of *The Koori Mail* 19 November – 'NLC wants Act reinstated' and 'NT Government accused of endangering culture'.

Both items are of great concern to Aboriginal communities because it is governments dictating to Aboriginal folk.

Nothing has changed since the invasion of 1788. Really, it's divide and rule, isn't it?

I see these issues as governments interfering in the lives of cultural folk. By doing so they will destroy all the good achieved by these people over many years.

I totally agree with the Northern Land Council, consisting of 80 traditional owners, who seek more Aboriginal involvement in political and policy development as the NT intervention continues.

I also see the dangers of a return to the bad old days when we Aborigines of NSW were controlled by government dictators who through legislation were able to destroy our culture, take over our lands and give us a half-baked education by unqualified managers of those government-owned and controlled reserves.

All of this only made us half-baked Australians citizens. We were never really considered as equals.

Government control in all States and Territories has failed our people.



NT Minister Marion Scrymgour ... cops a serve from letter author Les Ridgeway.

In my day as a youth our traditional Elders made decisions on our behalf. Now it's governments taking over the role of our Elders.

Surely fair-minded Australians do not want the same to happen to our NT Aborigines.

Until the Elders of the NT have the permit system reinstated giving Aboriginal people complete control of their own affairs, the Government intervention will not work, simply because it's one sided.

Which leads me to the second point.

I read with disgust the comments made by the NT Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour.

How dare this Aboriginal woman of Tiwi Islands cultural background make comments that affect NT Aborigines, even if she is the Minister for Education.

How dare she suggest the first four hours of education in all NT schools be conducted in English without first consulting those places where bilingual schools currently operate successfully.

The bilingual schools are world famous and have been successfully reviewed on many occasions. All they need are better resources and facilities.

I would suggest that Minister Scrymgour visit these bilingual classrooms to see first-hand how well they operate before making any further decisions that affect the future of Aboriginal folk in the NT.

LES RIDGEWAY  
Worimi Nation Elder  
Bonny Hills, NSW

## Recipe leaves bitter taste

THIS is my Recipe of Racism. The original idea for it occurred to me many years ago when I was attending university and I had an assignment that directed me to explore the components of racism.

Somewhere along the line I lost the original racism recipe but in recent reflections on things I have done in my life I decided to create a new one.

MARVYN MCKENZIE  
Port Augusta, SA

### Recipe of Racism

10 lbs (pounds) of hate  
20 lbs of bigotry  
1 lb of ethnocentrism  
1 lb of prejudice  
1 lb of stereotypes  
1 lb of discrimination  
1 lb of racially biased institutionalism  
6 teaspoons of segregation  
2 drops of selfishness  
3 cups of disrespect  
10 lbs of religious intolerance and extremists' fervour  
5 oz (ounces) of inequality  
1 gallon of mistrust  
1 bushel of uncaring people  
1 dash of assimilation conformity policies  
15 lbs of apathy  
30 lbs of historical gloss

This recipe is actually quite difficult to prepare and make, so you may need more than one person to help you.

In fact, truth be told, the preparation and cooking time of this recipe can take many generations, so you may need to pass on your own personal cooking directions to some of your descendants, but once cooked it will set really well, although it may taste a bit bland.

Take the ingredients and place them all together into a very large pot.

Stir it slowly for 100 years or more and occasionally lower and raise the cooking temperature when required or necessary to do so.

Grind and mix the ingredients until fully blended.

Then pick a cup of your choice and pour the Racism into it, but make sure it's a cup covered with a lid because whilst sometimes it may be good to drink Racism openly, it will actually keep and taste better when drunk privately.

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A big thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you. We try to fit in as many reader contributions as we can. You can help us by making sure that your letters are 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. We'd prefer letters and poems to be even shorter;

this will increase your chances of being published.

Also, even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and State/Territory, and a contact number so that we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

Lastly, remember too that we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met.

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# Permit vote disappointing

PRIOR to the recent vote in the Senate, the Sisters of St Joseph SA Reconciliation Circle were among the many individuals and groups – the Northern Land Council and Amnesty International included – who sought to help the Opposition, the Family First Senator and our own SA Independent Senator Nick Xenophon understand the importance of the permit system

to Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

We noted that both the NT Police and the Police Federation of Australia had written submissions on the need to retain the permit system to help protect communities from drug peddlers, grog runners and others of ill intent.

We reminded our elected representatives that the permit

system allows automatic entry to police, public servants, politicians and now journalists. We noted that in two independent surveys, 96 per cent of Aboriginal people wanted to retain the permit system.

It was disappointing, but not surprising, that the Coalition voted against the permit system, its abolition being originally part of the 2007 NT intervention.

However, it was surprising and very disappointing that senators Xenophon and Fielding used their power to vote against reinstating permits.

The senators may scarcely comprehend the effect their decision will have on Aboriginal communities and generations to come. Once entry is obtained, how can movement be regulated? Communities, whether on

freehold or leasehold title, are now wide open and suffering because of it.

**PILAWUK WHITE**  
Traditional Owner,  
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**MICHELE MADIGAN**  
On behalf of the Sisters of St  
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Kensington, SA

## HEALTH

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# FOOD FOR LIFE

**W**e all know about the health problems in our community – obesity, diabetes, heart and kidney disease, cancer – but there's nothing you can do about it, right? Wrong!

**T**here is plenty you can do – and it all starts with you leading a healthier lifestyle.

**How can my lifestyle make a difference?**

While we can't always stop ourselves from getting sick, if you eat healthy food, drink

plenty of water and are physically active, you'll be more likely to live a long and healthy life.

A healthy lifestyle can help protect you from sicknesses like obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart and kidney disease, some cancers and other health problems.

So if you start leading a healthier lifestyle, and encourage your friends and family to do the same, you're helping to build a healthier community – today, tomorrow and into the future.

Celebrity chef Mark Olive works with food for a living, so he knows that healthy eating is the key to a healthy life.

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**What is healthy eating?**  
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**Plenty of fruits** – oranges, apples, bananas, pineapple, mandarins, pawpaw, melons, berries – you pick your favourite!

**Plenty of vegetables and legumes** – carrots, zucchini, beetroot, broccoli, peas, beans, lentils and local bush tucker like bush tomatoes, yams, warrigal greens – the list goes on!

**Cereals** – foods like breads, rice, pasta and noodles – preferably wholegrain.

**Some meat and eggs** – lean meat, fish, poultry such as chicken (take the skin off), eggs and nuts.

**Some dairy foods** – milk, yoghurt and cheese (choose low-fat varieties).

**Lots of fresh water** – try to drink water instead of sugary fruit juices or soft drinks.

"It's not always easy to get hold of fresh fruit and vegies," Mark says. "But healthy fruit and vegetables can be fresh, canned or frozen."

Healthy eating means cutting down on bad things too.

You should **cut down on fat, salt, sugar and alcohol.**

"These small changes can make a real difference," Mark says. "By making the commitment to eat healthier food, we're helping to build a healthier tomorrow – for ourselves, for our kids and for our community."

For more information on how you can start building a healthier tomorrow, go to [www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople](http://www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople)

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# Time to declare, Mr Rudd

An open letter to the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd

Dear Mr Prime Minister  
Along with the vast majority of Australians, I rejoiced when you offered an apology in the name of the Australian people, Government and Parliament to the Indigenous peoples of Australia for the injustices inflicted on them over the past 209 years. On that occasion I wrote to thank you and congratulate you for your action.

The 44th Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Conference, held on 27-29 April 2007, debated and adopted Labor's National Platform and Constitution, Chapter 13, Point 44 – Respecting Human Rights and a Fair Go for All – states: 'Labor will endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and be guided by its benchmarks and standards'.

Closer to the Federal election you spoke of your explicit and clear intent, upon forming government, to endorse and sign the declaration.

This appeared in the media statement on 14 September 2007, the day after the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the UN General Assembly: 'A Federal Labor Government would endorse Australia becoming a signatory to the International Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Declaration is about the international community expressing its support for Indigenous people and their children having an equal chance at life. It is something that most of the international community aspires to in the interests of equality'.

I understand that you needed time to consult with various people about this. So, it seemed that a symbolic and appropriate place and time to honour that commitment would be your address to the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly.

So I was surprised and disappointed to learn that you and your Government voted against the motion of (Greens) Senator (Rachel) Siewert that the Prime Minister 'make a statement of support for the Declaration at the UN General Assembly in October 2008'.

As the Vice-Chair of the NGO Committee of the UN Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, I had hoped that the very positive nature of your first approach as Prime Minister to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would lead to Australia endorsing the UN Declaration.

To give substance to your wonderful words of apology, I ask you to formally indicate Australia's endorsement and support of the Declaration. I make this request with the full support of the members of our Committee.

**FATHER KEVIN DANCE, CP**  
Representing the Passionist Family  
at the United Nations



# Commissioner on job

I am writing in response to opinions expressed in the article 'Women push for WA kids' commissioner' (*Koori Mail*, 3 December, page 17).

As Commissioner for Children and Young People in Western Australia, I have legislative responsibility to 'give priority to, and have special regard to, the interests and needs of Aboriginal children and young people and Torres Strait Islander children and young people'.

In the 12 months since I was appointed Commissioner, recognising and acting on this priority, I have:

- Spoken personally with more than 300 community leaders, national and State stakeholders in Aboriginal, regional and remote communities including Kununurra, Halls Creek, Warman, Fitzroy Crossing, Broome, Derby, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Karratha, Roebourne and Wyndham as well as in the Perth metropolitan area.

- Had detailed briefings with the WA Aboriginal Education and Training Council, Marr Mooditj, Aboriginal Legal Service, Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence, Kulunga Research Network

- Lobbied the Police Commissioner for more cautioning and less detention for Aboriginal juvenile offenders

- Visited the Banksia Hill and Rangeview Detention Centres

- Publicly called for and extensively lobbied government for action to divert children and young people away from the court system

- Was influential in securing an inter-departmental group to consider my recommendations to curb the transport of Aboriginal young people to detention centres away from their communities and to ensure that if they are detained, they are escorted back to their homes on release

- Joined the President of the Children's Court in a pilot program to co-ordinate case management in the Children's Court

- Lobbied government to provide greater support services for children and young people who are the victims of sexual abuse in remote communities.

I agree that Aboriginal children have their own specific needs and that their parents, families and community know and understand about the directions that are required to improve safety for Aboriginal children.

## Conscious effort

That is why I have made a conscious effort to travel to communities, to speak with families and people in their community to seek their advice, input and help on the issues of infant health, early childhood health, development and education programs, protection of children from sexual abuse, refusal of bail and detention in Perth of young Aboriginal people who come into contact with the justice system and youth recreation and cultural programs in communities.

There has and continues to be proper and extensive consultation. The information and views I have taken to government and other organisations about these issues on behalf of Aboriginal children and young people has been influenced directly by the active on-the-ground consultations I have had with many Aboriginal people in these communities.

Of great importance to me is direct consultation with Aboriginal children and young people themselves who can tell me at first hand what their concerns are and what should be my priorities.

For example, Aboriginal young people, along with Aboriginal professionals and Aboriginal researchers spoke directly to State decision-makers in the child and youth services field at a forum I convened in October. I am talking to young Aboriginal people about the best way to continue this process of hearing the views of Indigenous children and youth.

I do and will continue to recruit Aboriginal

people to my Office. I have advertised twice (in the mainstream and national Indigenous press) for the position of Aboriginal Advisor for my Office.

Unfortunately to date I have not been able to appoint a suitable applicant.

I acknowledge it was a recommendation of the Gordon Inquiry to have a Children's Commissioner and Deputy Children's Commissioner (Aboriginal) in recognition of the

vulnerability of children, particularly Aboriginal children.

However, the Parliament of WA put in place a structure of a single Commissioner with legislated focus on Indigenous issues as outlined previously.

Rather than put Aboriginal children's and young people's interests and responsibilities in the hands of just one person in the Office, I have instead aimed to recruit staff across my office

who have a commitment to the priority interests of Aboriginal children.

I continue to receive ongoing support from members of the Aboriginal community across WA and I thank them for it.

**MICHELLE SCOTT**  
Commissioner for Children  
and Young People  
Perth, WA

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## Economic Security Strategy Financial Assistance Payments

### Are you eligible for a lump sum payment?

From 8-19 December 2008, the Australian Government will provide lump sum payments as part of the Economic Security Strategy, in response to the global financial crisis.

You are entitled to a lump sum payment if you received one of the following payments on 14 October 2008:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Wife or Widow B Pension
- Partner, Widow or Bereavement Allowance
- Veterans' Income Support Supplement
- Veterans' Affairs Service Pension.

You are also eligible if, on 14 October 2008 you:

- held a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- held a Veterans' Affairs Gold Card and were eligible for Seniors Concession Allowance
- were of Age Pension age and received Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

If you received an eligible payment or held an eligible concession card, you will receive \$1,400 for singles or \$1,050 for each eligible member of a couple.

In addition, if you were entitled to Carer Allowance on 14 October 2008, you will receive \$1,000 for each eligible person in your care.

Families will receive a lump sum payment if, on 14 October 2008, they:

- were entitled to Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB Part A) or
- had a dependent child/children attracting Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, or an education allowance under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme and did not attract FTB Part A.

Families will receive a payment of \$1,000 for each eligible child in their care.

**You do not need to do anything to receive your payment.**

In most cases, it will be automatically paid to your bank account during the fortnight 8-19 December 2008 and a letter sent to you confirming the payment.

If you do not receive your payment by 22 December 2008 and you think you may be eligible, call Centrelink.

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## Call for public comment

# Police move-on powers

Qld Police have the power, in certain circumstances, to direct people to move on or leave public places. If a person does not obey a move-on direction, they can be charged with 'contravening a direction or requirement of a police officer'.

The Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) is required by law to review the use of these state-wide powers under s. 49, *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (Qld). To ensure we are fully informed and can consider all views, we invite the public to provide comment on the powers.

### Questions we would like you to consider include:

- What has been your experience, or the experience of your clients, customers, staff or friends, of police move-on powers in Qld?
- Are police move-on powers being used properly, fairly and effectively?
- Do you have any recommendations about the existence or use of police move-on powers in Qld?

Our issues paper explains the current powers, their history, and the nature of our review. It is available on our website at <[www.cmc.qld.gov.au](http://www.cmc.qld.gov.au)>.

### How to make your comment

Send your comments to: **CMC Review of Police Move-On Powers**  
GPO Box 3123, Brisbane Qld 4001  
Or email to: [moveonpowers@cmc.qld.gov.au](mailto:moveonpowers@cmc.qld.gov.au)  
Or fax to: 07 3360 6333

The deadline for submission is Friday 20 February 2009.

For more details call: **CMC Review of Police Move-On Powers**  
Ph: 07 3360 6269/6134 (Sally Lohrsch or Stephen Fay) or  
1800 061 611 (toll-free)

Submissions will be published on our website unless you ask otherwise or they are unsuitable. We will keep your identity confidential on request.

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Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

## Request for Tender – Indigenous Leadership

Tender for Panel of Contractors to provide facilitation, delivery and development of course material for the Indigenous Leadership Program.

TENDER NO. FAHCSIA/o8/RFT642

The Australian Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) invites suitably qualified organisations to tender for the provision of facilitation services to assist in delivering and developing information to Indigenous participants of the Indigenous Leadership Program and other Indigenous forums as a member of a Leadership Consultant Panel.

Tenderers will be required to supply facilitation and delivery services; and/or facilitation, delivery and development of training course material for the Indigenous Leadership Program.

Tenderers are able to apply to be appointed to one or both levels of the Panel. Panel levels are one (1) Facilitation and delivery and/or two (2) Facilitation, delivery and development of curriculum modules and lesson plans that meet the Indigenous Leadership Program's aims.

Organisations tendering for the Leadership Consultant Panel must have relevant training and facilitation qualifications and have experience in working with Indigenous audiences.

The time frame for the delivery of the above services will be for two years, with the option to extend for another year. The expected contract period will commence from February, 2009.

Tender documentation is available from the AusTender website at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

Tenderers should direct any questions regarding this RFT to:

**Name:** Leesa Burgess  
**Title:** A/g Assistant Director  
**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**  
**Box 7788 Canberra Mail Centre (Or relevant for STO's)**  
**Canberra ACT 2600**

Tenders close at 2:00 pm Canberra local time (or relevant for STO's) on 22 December 2008

### AUSTENDER

**Address for lodgement of tender:** Tender Box  
Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and  
Indigenous Affairs  
Module B Reception  
Tuggeranong Office Park  
Athlone Drive  
Tuggeranong ACT 2900

**Location of work:** All States and Territories

FAHCSIA/2008/08

[www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

## Your Say

# Miner has say on Burrup concerns

IN response to your article 'New fears for Aboriginal art on the Burrup' (5 November), I would like to provide some information about the Pluto LNG Project in relation to rock art on the Burrup Peninsula.

The Pluto LNG Project is located within an industrial estate that was established in 2003 by the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement between the Western Australian Government and the local Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Yaburara, Mardudhunera and Wong-Goo-Ti-Oo Indigenous groups.

Woodside designed the footprint of the Pluto LNG Project in consultation with traditional custodians to avoid 95 per cent of rock art engravings on Pluto's lease areas.

Those 170 boulders with engravings that could not be avoided were relocated to a nearby natural setting with the guidance of representatives of the local Indigenous groups and overseen by an independent archaeologist. The relocation took place without damaging any engravings.

The engravings relocated represent less than 0.02 per cent of the estimated one million



An aerial view of the Burrup Peninsula.

engravings on the Burrup Peninsula.

Woodside supports the National Heritage Listing of the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) and believes it provides proper recognition of the cultural heritage of the area and recognition that industry and heritage can co-exist.

Woodside has committed up to \$34 million over ten years to research, identify, monitor,

curate and display the National Heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago under a conservation agreement with the Federal Government. The agreement represents the largest single investment by an Australian company to a national heritage place.

**SOOLIM CARNEY**  
Woodside Corporate Affairs  
and Sustainability Manager  
Pluto LNG Project

# Youth must take reins

**This is an open letter to all our Koori young people.**

We, the leaders and parents and aunts and uncles of this land, need you to know how valuable you are to us. We have borne the cross of our culture and our dreaming for generations. We have not laid it down. We have not let you down. Some of us have died in the struggle, some have died in the battle to save your lives and your Indigenous hearts and minds and souls.

We know you have not always understood us. We know you are angry with the world that has rejected you. But we have never rejected you. We have stood in the courthouses, the school rooms, the board rooms and the conference rooms for your sake. We have fought governments and in courts for you.

We have fought to give you back your culture, dreaming and land. We have fought for your rights to be able to access the opportunities of this country. We

have not fought well, and often we have failed you. And it has broken our hearts to see you walk away from us and go your own way.

When you have gone to jail, our hearts have gone with you. When you have been drunk in the streets, putting your lives at risk you have put our lives at risk too.

We have loved you with an everlasting love. We have pooled resources and wisdom to keep you ahead of the game. We have tried so hard to teach you right from wrong waiting on the return of the law and the lore.

You cannot let us down now. We know how hard it has been. But we have spent our beauty and our youth just so yet another generation of Indigenous people could be born and live to begin again. And we have done well.

We have seen a national apology to the Stolen Generations, something all of us hoped for and some of us did

not live to see. We have seen the referendum, watched with awe as Eddie Mabo forced government to write it down – we were always here!

We have seen native title, we have seen Link Up and NAIDOC Week and we have seen it made so much harder to take you away.

We have seen the Tent Embassy and its subsequent children spread across the land. And we have birthed heroes amongst us – Gary Foley, Kumanjayi Perkins, and Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Murandoo Yanner – people brave enough to raise their voices and give us voice.

Now is not time to give up. We need you to rise up and take the ropes. We need you to bear the yoke. It is time for the voices of our young to be heard in this land. Always was, Always will be, Aboriginal land.

With love and blessings to our beautiful children,

**SHARON LIVERMORE**  
Kempsey, NSW



## Your Say

# Young people need help

I BELIEVE people in our society don't involve themselves enough with our young people.

I'm just 22, but I've seen a lot of different things in my home town of Albury Wodonga (on the New South Wales-Victoria border).

Like other communities, we have our issues, with some of ours probably directly related to being in a large country town.

One thing that stands out is the kids around here need to

be taught, educated or at least understood, but no one has the time for them. Our kids are just seen as trouble-makers.

It is not helped by the way our local newspaper portrays the Aboriginal youth. This is unfortunate as it is a problem involving all youth, and all the combined local community needs to take ownership.

At the moment we have a group of non-Aboriginal youth getting around calling themselves the KAC (Kill all Coons). This race-incited

hatred is intensifying the violence locally.

If the local community helped our kids rather than ignoring them, then maybe we could give them the chance they so desperately need.

And I'm not just talking about Indigenous kids. All kids need our help.

I want to help and make my town – and hopefully the rest of Australia – a better place.

JACINTA FERGUSON,  
Wodonga, Victoria

# Big year for Narwan Eels

CONGRATULATIONS to the Narwan Eels (Pritchard Moran Memorial team) on their success at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in what was a very trying year.

The tragic death of Narwan team-mate Alf Atkinson at the Knockout was a big loss, not just to our team but the community as a whole. Alf's wife Corina showed amazing strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her little family.

To me, the 2008 Narwan team showed more courage than the 1986 Knockout side that beat the Moree Boomerangs.

This year's Narwan team leadership of Dennis Moran was outstanding on and off the field. I feel he is one of the best players ever to pull on a Narwan jumper.

Every player put in over the Knockout long weekend. They gave their all and didn't take a backward step. Courage, willpower, determination and sheer guts pushed them



Letter author Jake Widders, centre, with 2008 Narwan Eels players Dennis Moran, left, and Dean Widders at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Kingscliff.

through the heartache, blood, sweat and broken bones in the end, playing on heart alone to help Narwan bring home the carnival trophy.

I would like to make special mention of Edward Smith, a veteran of 26 years or so. He is a man you would want beside you in the trenches.

I would like to thank the

Narwan committee and all the work done behind the scenes by Carol and Cheryl Smith, Billy Vale, Jimmy Dunn, Gary Davison Snr, Shane Moran, Colin Ahoy Jnr, Billy Ahoy, Tommy Faulkner, Brian Quinlan and the Moran Family.

JAKE WIDDERS  
Newcastle, NSW

# AA great weekend

I'M an alcoholic and I have just experienced one of the most enjoyable weekends of my whole life. I was one of about 200 people who attended the Indigenous Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Convention at Ballina, NSW, on the weekend 22-23 November 2008.

There were people there from every State and Territory of the country. And there were accents from New Zealand, Ireland, America and some I haven't a clue about.

The whole weekend was just so well organised with unlimited tea, coffee and soft drinks and three very wholesome, nourishing meals each day provided by a couple of volunteer chefs.

There were mixed meetings, a men's meeting, an Elders' meeting, a women's meeting and an AI-anon meeting. All were well attended.

On the Saturday night, Glen Hunt's band

The Huntsmen began playing at 10pm and went non-stop until 1am.

Along with that were several home-made artists singing and reciting. Glen and his band were impressed by the fact that the dancers were on the floor the instant the music began, unlike playing in clubs and hotels where people had to get charged up before getting on the floor.

The general public need to know more about these wonderful events to enable them to see and understand just how much happiness us alcoholic people and our families enjoy once we achieve freedom from the grog by practicing the AA and AI-anon way of life, which is simply reality at its best.

I'm looking forward to next year's event wherever it is held.

Author's full name and address supplied

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## young canberra citizen of the year awards

There are four award categories:

- > Young Canberra Citizen of the Year
- > Encouragement Award
- > Personal Achievement
- > Group Award

These awards are presented during National Youth Week in March 2009.

# 2009

Nominations Close 16 January 2009.

Nominate online at

[www.youth.act.gov.au](http://www.youth.act.gov.au)

or pick up a nomination form at your school, local youth centre or Community CPS Australia. For more information call 6205 0632 or e-mail [youthinteract@act.gov.au](mailto:youthinteract@act.gov.au). Closing date for nominations is 16 January 2009.



Australian Government

Department of Finance and Deregulation

## Is your company interested in working on communications for the Australian Government?

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is establishing a whole-of-government list (the Communications Multi-Use List) of communications experts interested in working on Australian Government advertising and information campaigns.

Suppliers are sought in the following specialist areas:

- Advertising
- Market and social research
- Public relations
- Communicating with Indigenous Australians
- Communicating with people from non-English speaking backgrounds

Potential suppliers will need to demonstrate relevant professional experience and expertise, along with a proven ability and/or capacity to contribute to the success of national level information and advertising campaign activities.

The Communications Multi-Use List is expected to be operational from 31 March 2009 (or as notified on the AusTender website), from which time it will be used to source specialist consultants for Australian Government advertising and information campaigns where total campaign expenditure exceeds \$250,000.

The list will be continuously open to new applicants. Inclusion on the list will not constitute a guarantee of work, nor can membership of the list be used to imply that a business is a supplier to government or has any preferred position.

Background information on the processes, principles and governance arrangements for Australian Government campaign advertising and information activities can be found at: [www.finance.gov.au/advertising](http://www.finance.gov.au/advertising).

More information on how to submit an Application for Inclusion for the Communications Multi-Use List will be available on AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)), the Australian Government's central procurement information system, from 5 December 2008.

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# \$4.6 billion reform agenda aimed at closing the gap

**T**HERE was a defining moment in the Prime Minister's national apology to Indigenous Australians when, by acknowledging the past, he laid claim to a future that embraces all Australians.

He spoke of harnessing our determination to help close the gap that so cruelly divides the life chances of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

In doing this we would need new solutions to enduring problems.

This future described by the Prime Minister is getting closer.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has signed up to an historic agreement, committing to a \$4.6 billion program of Indigenous reforms over the next 10 years.

The COAG deal is ground-breaking in both the amount of additional investment and its underlying reform framework.

The old approaches have failed.

While the size of our investment is important, what's essential are new ways of delivering that investment to rebuild the positive social and economic structures necessary for strong communities.

We are determined to establish partnerships based on equality and mutual respect to deliver results. Most importantly, we must engage Indigenous Australians in finding solutions. Otherwise those solutions will not work.

COAG's landmark National Indigenous Reform Agreement will kick-start the reform agenda.

It has been described as an investment in human dignity and social justice. It is an investment we can't afford not to make.

Indigenous housing is fundamental to the reform framework.



**Jenny Macklin**

In some remote communities, over a dozen people live in a single house and conditions are appalling. These houses have kitchens where you can't cook a meal, toilets that don't work and bathrooms where you can't bathe a child.

In such conditions, the norms that underpin daily routines like going to school, doing homework or going to work are just not possible.

The Australian Government is providing \$1.94 billion in new funding over ten years to lay the foundations for major reforms to Indigenous housing and essential services in remote Australia.

The way we deliver housing in remote

communities will change fundamentally.

Australian governments have agreed to new responsibilities to drive change.

The Commonwealth funds will be used to upgrade housing and build new houses around the country.

The States and Territories will make sure there is proper tenancy management and will be required to ensure tenure is secure so that the responsibilities of housing authorities and tenants are clear.

As part of 'normalised' tenancy arrangements, tenants will have to pay rent on time, cover the cost of any damage and not disturb the peace of their neighbours. There will be incentives for people to take greater responsibility for their houses.

These reforms will mean 9000 Indigenous families will benefit from improved housing over the next ten years.

As well as giving children a decent place to grow up, the new arrangements will promote Indigenous economic participation.

Construction contractors will be required to employ Indigenous people, thereby boosting local economic development.

Governments also agreed to work together to reduce homelessness and boost social housing. This \$1.2 billion package will help meet the housing needs of disadvantaged people, including Indigenous citizens in urban and regional Australia.

In a partnership between all levels of government and the community sector, we aim to reduce homelessness by 60 per cent, with an end to rough sleeping by 2020.

We are also committing \$1.6 billion over four years to tackle chronic disease

in Indigenous communities, where heart disease, diabetes and cancer are the biggest contributors to low life expectancy.

This funding will lift the numbers of health workers on the ground, including 160 new Indigenous outreach workers, 75 extra health professionals and practice managers, 38 new GP registrar training places and expanded nurse scholarship and clinical placements.

Critical to stopping the cycle of intergenerational disadvantage is employment.

COAG has committed \$228 million which will directly benefit up to 13,000 Indigenous Australians seeking employment.

The Government will undertake to get people job-ready, and in return will encourage Indigenous Australians to take responsibility for accepting jobs and staying in them.

And governments will invest \$291 million over six years to improve delivery of services like early childhood, health, housing and employment in remote communities.

These are serious commitments to Indigenous Australians, on behalf of all governments in Australia. We will continue to build on this reform agenda through a dedicated Closing the Gap COAG meeting in 2009.

The old way of doing things has failed. Through innovative reform, substantial investment and much stronger partnerships, we will make great progress in closing the gap.

● Jenny Macklin is the Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



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## The Future of Tidbinbilla Invitation to comment

Comments are invited on a Discussion Paper about a plan of management for the Tidbinbilla precinct comprising Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Birrigai at Tidbinbilla and Jedbinbilla.

The Tidbinbilla discussion paper is the first step in the process of seeking community views on the future management of Tidbinbilla precinct.

Copies of the discussion paper are available from ACT Government shopfronts and Libraries, online at [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) or by calling Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

Written submissions can be forwarded to:

Senior Strategic Planner  
Parks, Conservation and Lands  
Department Territory and Municipal Services  
GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601

or emailed to: [ParksConservationAndLands@act.gov.au](mailto:ParksConservationAndLands@act.gov.au)

Ensure 'Tidbinbilla discussion paper' is entered in the subject field.

The closing date for submissions is COB Thursday 26th February 2009.

Public workshops will be held in February 2009, please check the TAMS website for details [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au).



# Aboriginal deaths in custody – Civil libertarians ask: Where are outcomes?

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE West Australian Police Service has revealed that few of the coronial inquest recommendations handed down after two men died in

police custody in 2006 have been implemented.

Although a year has passed since Deputy State Coroner Evelyn Vickers handed down strong recommendations about necessary changes to police procedures, there are concerns WA Police is dragging its feet.

In October the lobby group and non-government organisation, Civil Liberties Australia, demanded answers from the WA Police Commissioner on how closely the recommendations from the Carl Woods and Karl Nightingale inquests had been adhered to. The two men died just four days apart in April 2006.

The Assistant Commissioner of Corruption Prevention and Investigation, Barbara Etter, revealed late last month that only two of the Woods inquest recommendations had been implemented, and only five of the six Nightingale inquest recommendations which related to police had been considered.

Assistant Commissioner Etter said that in accordance with the first recommendation in the Woods inquest, the officer in charge of the Police Communications Branch had been told 'that where practicable officers attending disturbances should be provided with timely and relevant information... on events as the unfold'.

However, she did not confirm whether procedures had been changed.

She also said the Use of Force Manual had been updated to reflect a more accurate

**'A coroner's recommendation is worth zero unless someone, somewhere, is prepared to follow up on it for many months... and sometimes, years and years.'**

description of 'positional asphyxia,' which was attributed as a possible factor in Carl Woods' death, and included heightened warnings about people in high-risk health categories.

Of the Nightingale recommendations, she said that 'the matters raised by the Deputy State Coroner are complex and, as such, WA Police has not yet formally endorsed any changes in respect to recommendations 1-5. However, they have been under active consideration'.

Ms Vickers recommended one senior officer, Russell August, be investigated after not arranging for Forensics to analyse the roadside arrest site of Nightingale, who incurred hypoxic brain injury on the scene, was resuscitated, but died after life-support was turned off at hospital.

Assistant Commissioner Etter said that although August alleged he had faced misconduct by other officers, he had settled grievances through mediation, and had been dealt with by the police 'Managerial Intervention Model' for not observing deaths in custody regulations that required the site

to be assessed as a homicide.

Civil Liberties Australia is now following up on just how much the police service is adhering to the coroner's recommendations because, as the organisation's CEO Bill Rowlings says, so many 'just get lost, and then abandoned, particularly in relation to Indigenous people'.

Mr Rowlings said the law of inertia meant that 'police, just like all other government agencies, won't change unless you hold them to the high-sounding principles they proclaim on their web sites'.

"A recommendation by a coroner is worth zero unless someone, somewhere, is prepared to follow up on it for many months... and sometimes, years and years," he said.

"CLA is committed to following the coroners' recommendations from the Woods and Nightingale deaths until they are put into practice."

Mr Rowlings said that neither of the men should have died in custody and the community as a whole 'don't want any further deaths because of police ignorance, poor training, or less than competent



Civil Liberties Australia Chief Executive Officer Bill Rowlings

communications, when the police themselves now know how they should behave'.

## Corporation administration ends



THE special administration of the Kabi Kabi Aboriginal Corporation ended last

month.

The corporation provides affordable

housing for Aboriginal people and owns 29 properties around the Sunshine Coast, in south-east Queensland.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, said the special administrator had restored good corporate

governance practices to the Kabi Kabi corporation and had resolved its financial problems.

Directors had been elected at a general meeting in July 2008 to begin their duties when the special administration ended.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

RFT 150 / 0809

**DEVELOP A QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLEXIBLE AGED CARE PROGRAM**

On 22 September 2008, the Minister for Ageing announced that the Australian Government will fund a \$46 million Indigenous aged care plan to improve the long-term quality of aged care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The plan includes: developing a quality framework to set standards for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program; establishing a capital grants program for Indigenous aged care; developing a Peer and Professional Support program for Indigenous aged care; and providing an emergency assistance program to give short-term support to eligible care services in a crisis.

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to develop the first element of this plan, the Quality Framework for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

The contract will be from March 2009 to 30 June 2010.

The successful tenderer will be required to undertake consultation activities for the project in remote and very remote Indigenous communities. However the tenderer's permanent location is not a condition of the contract.

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request For Tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders)

Any difficulties accessing this site should be addressed to the Project Officer Roslyn Goddard on: Phone: 02 6289 1485; Fax: 02 6289 9743 or Email: [lactprocurement@health.gov.au](mailto:lactprocurement@health.gov.au)

Tenders will close at 2pm on 17 February 2009 in Canberra.



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This position is available immediately for 3 years on a full-time basis.

Location: Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

Closes Monday 12 January 2009.

\*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Australian Government  
Department of Education, Employment  
and Workplace Relations

## Indigenous Youth Leadership Program – Advance notice of proposed Request for Applications for Funding



INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations intends to issue a Request for Applications for Funding in mid-January 2009. The request will seek 'Partnership Brokers' for delivery of scholarships through the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) from 2010. This opportunity will be further notified in this newspaper and at [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au), when application kits are available.

Partnership Brokers, which may be foundations, community organisations, clusters of schools or individual schools, will partner with schools, Indigenous communities and others to ensure Indigenous students, wherever they live, have access to the best available schooling. These brokers will work with schools in awarding scholarships that promote the achievement of Year 12, its vocational equivalent and post secondary qualifications. Brokers will also assist schools with mentoring strategies and in the delivery of practical leadership experiences to help prepare scholarship recipients for potential future leadership roles.

In preparation, parties interested in being Partnership Brokers may wish to liaise with potential partners prior to the full package becoming available.

The IYLP is helping to close the gap on Indigenous educational disadvantage while providing leadership development opportunities. IYLP is administered under the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000, and aims to provide new 3-year scholarships to 240 secondary scholars and 60 tertiary scholars annually from 2010. Potential Partnership Brokers should note that some young people in receipt of an IYLP scholarship in 2009 may require transition arrangements to continue with their scholarships in 2010.

More information on the IYLP can be found at [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous\\_education/programmes\\_funding/programme\\_categories/iylp/default.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/iylp/default.htm)

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICIAL VISITOR

### 3 POSITIONS COBHAM (St Marys), EMU PLAINS & BROKEN HILL JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES

Official Visitor appointments are made by the Minister for Juvenile Justice under the Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987. The Official Visitor provides the Minister with independent information regarding services to young people in the State's Juvenile Justice Centres. Matters are raised during interviews with young people and staff of departmental facilities, and resolved through support and advocacy.

Official Visitors are required to visit their nominated centre fortnightly and to inform the minister on emerging issues through discussions and biannual written reports. Official Visitors are reimbursed their costs and are paid on a fee-for-visit basis, including a motor vehicle allowance.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:** It is expected the successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Capacity to understand issues relevant to juvenile justice facilities, including national standards;
- Commitment to young people in custody or residential facilities;
- Experience in working with young people;
- Understanding of special needs and diverse cultural backgrounds;
- Good communication skills;
- Problem solving ability; and
- Knowledge of, and ability to interpret, legislation.

Applications are invited from men and women. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

For further information telephone Ms Kathleen Plimmsoll on (02)9226 2593.

Please forward your claim for the position along with an up to date personal resume. Applications close on Friday 9 January 2009 and should be sent to:

Ms Kathleen Plimmsoll  
Office of the Minister for Juvenile Justice  
Level 13  
55 Hunter Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

*Note: It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a Working With Children Check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. Current departmental staff, or those employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice in the last ten years, are not permitted to apply.*

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# Volunteers' efforts given recognition



THE effort of volunteers in Indigenous communities was celebrated

recently as part of International Volunteers Day.

The day has been held every year in December since 1985, to highlight the role of volunteers in their communities.

To celebrate, Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) held an Indigenous Cultural Workshop at Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah, ACT.

ICV staff and local Aboriginal people provided volunteers with some of the information they will need to participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects.

ICV is a not-for-profit organisation linking skilled volunteers with Indigenous communities, businesses and organisations.

CEO Gregory Andrews said ICV supported community-driven initiatives at their request. "ICV exists to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to develop community and human capacity in order to improve their quality of life, health, social and economic well-being," he said.

"ICV achieves this by working in partnership with the broader Australian community, governments, and the private sector.

"In 2007-2008, ICV completed 169 projects worth over \$4.1 million.



Community health projects with volunteer staff are just one way volunteers help out in Indigenous communities.

"In the last year, volunteers have assisted the economic development of small businesses like the Tribal Warrior in NSW and Cowboy World in Victoria.

Mr Andrews said ICV was able to operate through a combination of Federal and State government funding, corporate sponsorship and private donations.

He said ICV wanted to acknowledge Federal Families, Housing,

Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and the Federal Government for their emphasis on evidence-based policy, which helped ICV assist Indigenous communities in a more comprehensive way through community development.

Mr Andrews said ICV also appreciated the support of corporate sponsors Shell, National Australia Bank, ENI, and Rio Tinto.

# Bourke may ban booze



A NSW country town may resort to banning sales of bottled beer in a desperate bid

to reduce intoxication and injuries from glass and alcohol-related violence.

The community of Bourke, in northern NSW, has been asked for its views on a draft plan released by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing on 7 December.

Bourke is ranked number one or two in the State for offences including assault, domestic violence and malicious damage, and police say alcohol is a major factor.

The plan, which responds to submissions from local police and discussions by the Bourke Alcohol Working Group, would ban alcohol products in

containers greater than two litres, beer or ready-to-drink beverages in glass containers, and fortified wine.

It would be the first time that a town-wide ban is imposed on retail beer sales in NSW.

The plan also suggests that only mid- and low-strength beer (3.5 per cent or lower) and wine (eight per cent or lower) be sold between 10am and 2pm.

## Draft plan

Director of Liquor and Gaming Albert Gardner said he had worked with the local community, police, council, Aboriginal representatives, health and medical services, licensees and alcohol manufacturers in formulating the plan.

"Clearly something needs to be done to reduce the impact of

alcohol abuse on the community of Bourke," he said in a statement.

"I am calling for input from the licensed venues and the general community about the merits of this plan and any other strategies that might help to make Bourke a safer and better place to live."

Local police have made a formal application for the director to impose the conditions on six licensed venues in the town, with the relevant liquor licensees given 21 days to comment on the proposed plan.

The venues tagged for the proposals are the Bourke Bowling Club, Oxford Hotel, Port of Bourke Hotel, The Back of Bourke Hotel, Bourke Cellars and IGA Supermarket Bourke. - AAP





Winner of the Premier's Excellence Award for Leadership in Aboriginal Communities Glen Duncan with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch.  
Courtesy of Department of Aboriginal Affairs

# Glen's work is rewarded

**NSW** GAMILAROI man Glen Duncan's efforts to help Indigenous people has been recognised with the 2008 NSW Premier's Excellence Award for Leadership in Aboriginal Communities.

Mr Duncan's official title is a bit of a mouthful – National Structured Training and Employment Projects and Employment Related Services (STEP ERS) Operations Officer at Jobfind Centres Australia. But he is better known as a man with a can-do attitude who goes beyond the call of duty in helping Indigenous people into meaningful employment.

"It's great to be recognised by my community and my peers," Mr Duncan said. "I believe Jobfind and our Indigenous Unit are making a big difference to Aboriginal people's lives in communities across Australia."

"Working with Indigenous Australians and mentoring them as they prepare for work is my daily motivation. Together we can make a difference and break the cycle of unemployment, and entire families and communities will benefit."

This year Mr Duncan has been actively involved in the Tribal Warrior project, a collaboration between STEP-ERS Jobfind and the Tribal Warrior sailing vessel where 30 participants spent seven days at sea getting trained in navigation, seamanship, anchorage, deck handling, safety at sea and other maritime skills with the aim of securing employment in the industry.

Con Kittos, the Chief Executive Officer of Jobfind's parent company Angus Knight, said Mr Duncan was a great supporter of Indigenous Australians.

"Glen's leadership is demonstrated in



## Helping those in need

Glen Duncan, pictured here with Jobfind co-workers Les Bunda and Amanda Connor, has been doing his bit to help people in remote communities. He has been working with his employer Jobfind on a clothing drive for people in north Queensland communities including Hopevale, Lockart River and Mornington Island. More than 100 Jobfind centres around the country have participated in the drive that had a national target of more than 400 boxes of clothing. The drive finished on 21 November and the boxes have been dispatched to those in need.

the diverse and far-reaching projects he tackles, working with job-seekers, employers, staff and the community," Mr Kittos said.

"Glen has placed job-seekers in a wide range of sectors and organisations

including the maritime and construction industries, and at Australia Post and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

"Glen wholeheartedly involves himself, and is incredibly passionate and inspiring to those around him."



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR THE NATIONAL  
**NAIDOC**  
COMMITTEE

Suitable applicants are invited to nominate for membership of the National NAIDOC Committee (NNC). The NNC is an Indigenous committee that sets the policy and the arrangements for the National NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends.

Membership of the NNC is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

**Nominations close on Friday 30 January.**

Selection criteria can be obtained from the National NAIDOC Secretariat by calling (02) 6244 7554 or emailing [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or online at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)



Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Office for Women's Policy

**International Women's Day 2009**

**Call for Nominations for NSW  
Woman of the Year**

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 each year.

The Office for Women's Policy, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, organises various activities to celebrate International Women's Day including the NSW Woman of the Year Award.

The NSW Woman of the Year Award is a state-wide recognition of the outstanding achievements of talented women who have made significant contributions to NSW and to their communities.

The Office for Women's Policy is seeking nominations that recognise the countless contributions that women in NSW have made.

If you know of any well-deserving woman and would like to nominate her for the 2009 NSW Woman of the Year Award, please visit [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au) for details, including electronic nomination forms.

The closing date for nominations is **5pm on Friday, 9th January 2009**. Please contact the Office for Women's Policy on (02) 9228 3141 if you require further information.



## Aboriginal Heritage Barton Highway

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to carry out an environmental overview of the Barton Highway from the ACT Border to the dual carriageways north of Murrumbateman.

The Federal Government is funding this planning process.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Barton Highway future duplication.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and may also be used in an assessment of the impact of a project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

**Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 9 January 2009.**

To register your interest, please contact:  
Robert Paton 0419 736 459  
62 Cleopatra Street, Blackheath NSW 2785  
Email: [robpaton@imetro.com.au](mailto:robpaton@imetro.com.au)



# First Contact Sports



Lekaiya Rabbit, 2, from Brisbane with her cousin Mickey Mason, 10, of Maningrida.



From left, Maisie Suey, Eddie Pitt, Shanice Suey, Charnele Suey and Eliza Narrier.



Fijian Dancers Paula Marika and Jese Delai were a huge hit with the crowd.



Old mates from Brisbane Ebenezer Law and Wayne Saunders.



Vernon, Mabel and Kerriane Saunders were there.



Four-year-old Rothy Ware-ah Sam.



Nunuckle Aboriginal dancers.



A happy mob ... the Malu-Kiai Torres Strait Islander Dance Troupe.



Robert Hickling with daughters Shanelice Vincent (left) and Shaznae Vincent.



Malu-Kiai Torres Strait Islander Dancers.



Brothers in arms, from left, Korea Tom, Wilson Namole, Terry Canendo and Ian Auda.



Edrick Lee and his dad, Indigenous referee Samuel Lee.



# and Cultural Festival

A singer from Malu-Kiai Torres Strait Islander Dance Troupe.



From left, Ronny Daylight, Terry Knox, Christine Skeen, Uncle Ted Hopkins, Uncle Jim Graham and Adam Hopkins were there.



Woodridge mob, from left, Natalie Baira, Mavis Namok, Shona Bond and Carmen Lee.

## Bigger and even better

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THOUSANDS turned out again this year for the 15th First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival – Brisbane's biggest annual Indigenous event.

Touch football teams from around Queensland and New South Wales, as well as New Zealand, took part in hotly contested divisions, while there was also a strong focus on cultural activities.

The main stage was popular with many festival-goers. Hip-hop act Street Warriors were popular, while dance troupes Nunuckle Yuggera and Black Cockatoos also drew plenty of interest. Event organisers were relieved when

a forecast storm did not produce any of the predicted hail.

Food, clothing, jewellery and other stalls – including one by *The Koori Mail* – were dotted around the grounds at suburban Coorparoo.

Many regulars told *The Koori Mail* the festival kept getting bigger and better.

Sadly, this was the first festival without founder and stalwart the late Robbie Williams, who passed away suddenly just after last year's event.

A memorial service was held on the Saturday, with balloons being released in an emotional tribute to Mr Williams. Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman announced the re-naming of the festival venue as the Whites Hill/Robbie Williams Sports and Recreation Reserve.



Actor Luke Carroll laughs it up.



The Evers brothers Chris, 6, and Craig, 4, came down from Cherbourg.



Tamika Martin, 5, from Marsden.



The Street Warriors on stage.



Nunuckle Aboriginal Dance Troupe members.



Murri Magic team members.

See Pages 80-81 for more sports coverage on Brisbane's First Contact Festival



# Deadly ambulance to help new officer improve health



AMBULANCE Victoria (AV) now has an Aboriginal Project Officer – and a promotions vehicle featuring deadly artwork. Project Officer Zane Alford's job will be to work statewide with the Aboriginal community and other services to improve Indigenous people's health. Mr Alford said there were many areas and issues to be addressed.

"My job is to help build the relationship between AV and the Koori community to ensure the community gets the best care possible," he said.

Mr Alford said AV wanted to know what it could do to help paramedics connect with the Koori community. He said simple communication and opening the dialogue between community and ambulance was key in providing a culturally appropriate service.

Educating paramedics on Aboriginal culture and their views of health and well-being and incorporating culturally appropriate material into existing health promotional activities is at the core of his work with AV.

As part of the program, a display of artworks is now on show at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

The art, by Mandy Nicholson and commissioned by AV, tells a story of sustaining life with Bunjil the creator (carrying traditional medicinal plant old man weed in his talons) on a journey to a meeting place.

It features on the community education ambulance for use at Koori community events, and will also be used in handouts, medical charts and other educational and promotional material.

"The artwork is being used to make AV's educational materials more accessible and appealing to Aboriginal Victorians," Mr Alford said.



Ambulance Victoria Aboriginal Project Officer Zane Alford with Koori artist Mandy Nicholson standing in front of the community education ambulance that bears her artwork.

"It is hoped that this culturally familiar artwork will become associated with, and represent, the willingness and effort of AV to improve Aboriginal patient outcomes."

AV Chief Executive Officer Greg

Sassella said the artwork on the ambulance would help to give the Indigenous communities a sense of ownership and pride in the vehicle.

"The links between this artwork and the ambulance are strong," he said.

"Ambulance is, after all, primarily concerned with sustaining life. We are also embarking on a journey with the Koori community, one that will hopefully end with better health outcomes for the community."

# Guide shows way

## Protection of heritage is the goal



THE West Australian Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) has produced a guide for explorers and miners on how to avoid heritage-related problems with development projects, while fulfilling their obligations under State laws. The four-page guide, *Aboriginal Heritage Protection in the Goldfields-Esperance Region*, highlights the importance of good-quality heritage surveys as the 'sure way' to avoid time-consuming and costly delays.

In WA, sites of heritage and

cultural significance are protected by the Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972). Section 17 of the Act states that it is 'an offence for any person to excavate, destroy, damage, conceal or in any way alter any Aboriginal site without authorisation from the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites or the consent of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs'.

In recognition that there are many important Aboriginal sites yet to be brought to the Registrar's attention, the Act applies to all Aboriginal sites, whether registered or not.

"The GLSC and Indigenous people from Goldfields-Esperance share with proponents the desire for prompt, orderly establishment of development projects," GLSC Chief Executive Officer Brian Wyatt said.

"No-one wants half-baked surveys that have consulted with the wrong people, requiring that proponents have to re-do them."

"To minimise the chance of damaging Aboriginal sites, a proponent should conduct a



BRIAN WYATT

heritage survey, in collaboration with recognised, bona fide Aboriginal people from the area.

"The first step is to enter into a formal heritage agreement so that the miner, the Traditional Owners and the heritage consultants each have clarity about the heritage processes that need to be followed."

"These agreements work well for all parties."

Mr Wyatt said that in the

Goldfields-Esperance region, the GLSC was best placed to advise explorers and miners on heritage matters and organise the conduct of problem-free surveys.

"We are dealing with heritage surveys and Aboriginal people's approval of mining and exploration tenement applications on a daily basis," he said.

"With more than 20 years' experience as a native title representative body and representing Aboriginal people in the Federal Court, the GLSC has gathered substantial ethnographic, historical and archaeological data for the whole region and has an extensive network of contacts."

"Of particular value is the GLSC's knowledge about which individuals and groups speak for which parts of country."

For more information on Aboriginal heritage issues and help organising heritage surveys contact GLSC anthropologists Russ Barrett and Beth Woodward on (08) 9091 1661.

Meanwhile, the recent GLSC annual general meeting in Kalgoorlie-Boulder saw several new faces elected to the corporation's 13-member governing committee.

New members are Dianne Logan, Vanessa Thomas, Johnny Graham, Karen Vincent, Ivan Forrest and Sharon Tucker. Re-elected were Ricky Dimer, Allan Bonney, Laurence Thomas, Brian Champion Jnr, Fabian Tucker and Cyril Barnes.

Chairman Ian Tucker was also returned.

"Our new team will continue to vigorously pursue our people's native title rights, while at the same time working hard to ensure a deeper role for our people in the region's social and economic life," Mr Tucker said.

In his report to the meeting, Mr Wyatt reflected on progress over the past 10 years, speaking of initiatives past and present that he said had positioned the GLSC as one of the nation's most highly regarded Aboriginal corporations.





In Hobart for the signing of the new agreement were, from left, State Manager Centrelink Michelle Lees, State Manager Child Support Agency David Mole, Stakeholder Relations Manager Child Support Agency Simon Rowberry, Indigenous Services Officer Northern Tasmania Vicki Matson Green, Indigenous Services Officer North-West Tasmania Julie Cann and State Indigenous Services Manager Caroline Spotswood.

# Better service goal of Tasmanian agreement

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



**CENTRELINK'S** Indigenous Services Unit and Child Support Agency Tasmania have signed a formal agreement aimed at offering Aboriginal clients improved services.

Under the agreement, staff from both agencies will now travel together when taking services to Aboriginal communities in remote locations, offering a new convenience for clients and also giving the agencies a better understanding of each other's responsibilities and services.

Centrelink Indigenous service officers

from around Tasmania joined representatives from the Child Support Agency and Centrelink management in Hobart recently to witness the signing of the agreement.

Centrelink State Indigenous Services Manager Caroline Spotswood said it was about minimising red tape and introducing the Aboriginal community to a face in the Child Support Agency to assist with the dealings in the agency, rather than corresponding by mail and showing the Agency 'the ropes'.

"Centrelink has been conducting outreach servicing and has engaged the Aboriginal communities on Flinders and Cape Barren islands for quite a few years now," Ms Spotswood said.

"For successful Aboriginal community

engagement, especially on the islands, you have to know the community, the families, politics and have a sound knowledge of the history and issues affecting the communities on the islands to build trust and confidence to get meaningful engagement.

"This agreement is a good start to assist Aboriginal people and their communities to build on the quality of services and increase customer satisfaction."

A Centrelink spokesperson said that while the agreement was simple it was also practical, and she hoped the local initiative might inspire similar resource-sharing agreements.

Centrelink also believes the initiative will assist in 'closing the gap'.

# Disbelief over cloak thefts



**THE** theft of two traditional Aboriginal possum skin cloaks from the Tarerer festival at Killarney, Victoria, in mid-November has left the community and Elders in disbelief.

The historic cloaks, valued at about \$20,000 and of significant cultural importance, were taken from the cricket pavilion at the Killarney Recreation Reserve during the festival on Sunday, 16 November.

The Tarerer Gunditj Project Association is appealing to



One of the missing possum skin cloaks

anyone with information to come forward.

The cloaks were used in the 2006 Melbourne

Commonwealth Games opening ceremony and many other traditional ceremonies.

Andy Alberts, an artist of the Girraihwurrong clan (part of the greater Gunditjmarra tribe) involved in the production of one of the cloaks, said their real value was priceless.

"You can't put a price on that, it's irreplaceable. To have those stories taken, a lot of the Elders are very distressed," he said.

Any information can be directed to the police or the Tarerer Gunditj Project Association on (03) 5568 2095.

## Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

### Saints Peter and Paul's former Cathedral

42 Verner Street, Goulburn

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 30th January 2009.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koenen, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Louise Thom on (02) 9873 8565.

Heritage Council of New South Wales  
Locked Bag 5020  
Parramatta NSW 2124

(04) 769000



Government of  
Western Australia  
Department of Indigenous Affairs

## Peer Assessment Panel Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council

Do you want a say on who will be on the newly-formed advisory council on Indigenous affairs?

The State Government is establishing the Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) and is inviting expressions of interest from knowledgeable Indigenous men, women and young people.

The WAAAC will comprise up to 12 Indigenous people (including two youth representatives) who are committed to improving the quality of life for Indigenous Western Australians. Membership will be decided by an expert panel of peers and young people are encouraged to apply to sit on this panel.

If you would like to participate in the WAAAC selection panel, please submit a two-page expression of interest outlining your personal commitment to the role of the WAAAC, your qualifications and experience. You must be available for a meeting in Perth on 9 and 10 February, 2009.

For further information, contact Wendy Dawson on (08) 9235 8000 or [waac@dia.wa.gov.au](mailto:waac@dia.wa.gov.au) or see [www.dia.wa.gov.au](http://www.dia.wa.gov.au). Post applications to DIA, PO Box 7770 Cloisters Square, Perth 6850.

Come on you mob, apply today!

Applications close Friday 16 January, 2009.



Government of  
Western Australia  
Department of Indigenous Affairs

## Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council members

Do you have the passion and experience to help improve the lives of Indigenous Western Australians?

The State Government is establishing the Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) and is inviting expressions of interest from knowledgeable Indigenous men, women and young people.

The WAAAC will comprise up to 12 members who will provide independent and strategic leadership, advice and direction to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs on:

- Indigenous aspirations on priority issues and interests;
- The performance/outcome targets required to realise these aspirations; and
- Representing the needs of the Indigenous community and providing feedback to stakeholder groups.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a two-page statement outlining your interest in the Council and the expertise you would bring, along with the names and contact details of two referees.

WAAAC will meet six times a year, with two regional meetings. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation costs will be paid. For further information, contact Wendy Dawson on (08) 9235 8000 or [waac@dia.wa.gov.au](mailto:waac@dia.wa.gov.au) or see [www.dia.wa.gov.au](http://www.dia.wa.gov.au). Post applications to DIA, PO Box 7770 Cloisters Square, Perth 6850.

Come on you mob, apply today!

Applications close Friday 23 January 2009.





Australian Government

Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing for Australians and their families.

## The National Rental Affordability Scheme

Large investors, property developers and community housing providers should consider the opportunities available under the Australian Government's National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

NRAS has been established to stimulate the supply of up to 50,000 new affordable rental dwellings. The Scheme will help to create a new class of investment in the property market – one that attracts significant support from the Australian Government in the form of the National Rental Incentive, with additional support from State and Territory Governments.

The Scheme offers successful applicants financial incentives to construct new affordable rental properties provided they are rented to eligible tenants on low to moderate incomes at 20 per cent below market rates.

Participation in the Scheme offers a number of benefits to investors. The annual \$8,000 incentive for each dwelling for a period of ten years can improve rental yields. The incentive is income tax free, indexed to the rental component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and complemented by existing taxation arrangements.

Tenant eligibility criteria assists families, including key workers, to access more affordable rental housing. With rents set at 20 per cent below market value, and a large pool of eligible tenants in excess of 1.5 million households, investors may expect a reduced vacancy risk.

The next call for applications (Round Two) opens on 17 December 2008 and closes on 27 March 2009. Applications may be submitted at any time during this period.

Proposals lodged early which include not less than 50 dwellings that will be available for rent before 1 July 2009 will be assessed as soon as possible and decisions will be made in most cases before the 27 March 2009 closing date for applications.

Proposals for dwellings that will be available for rent after 1 July 2009 will not be assessed until after the closing date of 27 March 2009.

Information sessions will be held around the country in January and February 2009.

For more information about NRAS and for details about the information sessions, visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au/housing](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/housing) or call 1800 334 505



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

## National Indigenous Law and Justice Advisory Body

### Call for Nominations

The Australian Government is establishing a new national Indigenous law and justice advisory body to provide high level advice on law and justice issues which impact on Indigenous Australians.

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders are invited to nominate for appointment to the advisory body.

The advisory body will:

- provide expert advice to the Australian Government on a range of Indigenous law and justice issues,
- facilitate linkages across various levels of government, business and the community,
- consider government policies affecting Indigenous law and justice outcomes, and
- advocate for policies that promote good practice.

Nominees are asked to submit a personal statement (up to three A4 pages) outlining their:

- experience and/or expertise in law and justice issues and/or related issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' contact with the justice system. This could include: police and community relations; family and community safety; legal and support services; prevention and early intervention; juvenile justice; health; employment; education; and housing
- well developed interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to liaise and consult with key stakeholders in government, business and the community
- interest in the role.

Nominees should also provide the names and contact details of two referees to support their nomination, and a brief curriculum vitae.

No specific formal qualifications are required to become a member of the advisory body.

Members of the advisory body will be appointed for terms of up to two years and will receive remuneration comparable to similar advisory bodies and council members.

Further information is available at [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au) or by contacting the Indigenous Policy Section by phone (02) 6218 7068 or fax (02) 6218 6996.

Nominations for appointment to the advisory body close on **27 February 2009**.

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**Jimmy Little with Research Australia CEO Rebecca James.**

# Big job gets Little boost



ONE of Australia's most popular Aboriginal entertainers, Dr Jimmy Little, has

been honoured for his work helping Indigenous Australians to access better health care.

Dr Little was awarded the National Health and Medical Research Council Advocacy Award at Research Australia's 'Thank You' Day Awards in Sydney recently.

Baxter Healthcare nominated him for the award for his long-term dedication to raising awareness of health issues affecting Indigenous Australians.

After suffering kidney failure and having a kidney transplant in 2004, Dr Little set up the Jimmy Little Foundation to improve the health of Indigenous Australians, especially in the area of kidney

disease, a common illness amongst the Indigenous community.

Dr Little, who lives at Lilyfield in Sydney's inner western suburbs, said he was honoured to receive the award.

"The Jimmy Little Foundation is just one of many organisations dedicated to helping make a healthier future for Indigenous Australians," Dr Little said.

### Hard-working

"I accept this on behalf of all the other hard-working people also involved in this pursuit."

Research Australia CEO Rebecca James said Dr Little was a very worthy recipient.

"It is because of Dr Little's efforts that an increasing number of Indigenous people are able to access good quality healthcare," she said.

The 'Thank You' Day Awards are the culmination of Research

Australia's 'Thank You' Day campaign to raise awareness of health and medical research in the community.

'Thank You' Day, which was held on 29 November, is an opportunity for Australians to send messages of thanks to researchers working in different fields. The messages show the strength of community support for Australian health and medical research, and underline the importance of continued funding for medical research.

Messages are being collected until the end of the year online at [www.thankyouday.org](http://www.thankyouday.org) and via SMS 0428THANKS.

Research Australia is a national not-for-profit alliance of more than 190 member and donor organisations with a common mission to make health and medical research a higher national priority.

## December deadline for stolen wages



ABORIGINAL people whose money was placed into trust funds by the NSW Government are being asked to register their claim by 31 December.

Between 1900 and 1969 money was placed into Trust

Funds operated first by the Aborigines Protection Board and later the Aborigines Welfare Board. Sometimes this happened without people's consent or knowledge.

In December 2004 the NSW Government said it would establish an Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme.

Payments will be made on evidence that money was placed in a person's trust fund and never repaid.

For more information on the repayment scheme, phone ATFRS on 1800 765 889 or Link-Up on 1800 624 332. For Compensation cases call 02 8898 6500.



# History on record

## Yaegl Elders tell story of Ulgundahi Island

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



**MEMORIES** of Life on Ulgundahi Island, by Nungera Co-operative in conjunction with the

Aboriginal Youth Program and Yaegl Elders, was launched recently at Maclean TAFE. The launch brought together young and old in a celebration of all the hard work that had gone into making the booklet and DVD.

Clarence Valley Mayor Richard Williamson attended the launch and a welcome to country was given by Aunty Sal (Thelma Kapeen).

The joint project between Yaegl Elders and youth chronicles the stories of the Elders who grew up on Ulgundahi Island, situated in the main arm of the Clarence River in New South Wales, before their relocation to Hillcrest, in Maclean.

### Instrumental

Aboriginal youth worker Joanne Randall was instrumental in bringing the group together and seeing the history and stories being laid down for future generations. She said the project was at times an emotional one as Elders recounted their past memories, especially when they saw the finished product for the first time.

Ms Randall said the project started its life through her work with the youth of Maclean and Yamba, who, after meeting with the Elders, were moved to educate others about Ulgundahi Island and Yaegl culture.

The group of young people played the didgeridoo and clap sticks for the music on the DVD,

putting in a great effort in their first time in a recording studio. First-time nerves gave away as Paul Agar from Heaven Recording Studio encouraged the group throughout the recording process.

The personal stories give a glimpse into the life of the families who settled on Ulgundahi Island in the late 1800s. In 1904, the island was gazetted by the Aboriginal Protection Board into a reserve for Aboriginal people.

Many of the stories create a picture of life on the island being a simple yet happy one, with a real sense of community.

The early 1900s saw a mission manager being appointed in conjunction with the Aboriginal Protection Board.

Families began to move away from the island to Maclean and a number of other communities in the late 1950s.

Ulgundahi Island is owned by Yaegl local Aboriginal Land Council and leased by Nungera Co-operative for an organic market garden maintained by the Community Development Employment Program. The island was heritage-listed in 2004 to protect and maintain its condition.



Luke Kapeen, left, was involved in the project. He is pictured with a friend.



Yaegl Elders, seated, from left, Irene Randall, Lorraine Randall, Beatrice Heron, Thelma Kapeen, Muriel Burns, Uncle Kevin Randall, Lenore Parker, Joyce Clague, Judy Breckenridge, Ron Heron; youth in front, from left, Luke Kapeen, Dominic Quinland, Leon Curry, Garnet Williams, Sally Gardener; rear, from left, Joanne Randall, Mayor Richard Williamson and Graham Purcell.



Graham Purcell and Jo Randall.



Yaegl Elder Thelma Kapeen with Clarence Valley Mayor Richard Williamson.

### Clean-Up and Deterrence of Illegal Dumping on Aboriginal Owned Lands Grant 2009

The Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW (DECC) is committed to reducing the incidence of illegal dumping across NSW whilst working with Aboriginal communities to improve the health, education and social outcomes for Aboriginal people.

To date, \$500,000 has been awarded to Local Aboriginal Land Councils in partnership with their respective local council across NSW, under the Clean-Up and Deterrence of Illegal Dumping on Aboriginal Owned Land grants. A further \$200,000 is available to fund projects commencing in 2009.

The funds will be used to clean up and remove dumped material and to implement measures to deter illegal dumping in the future. They will be multi-faceted projects to clean-up areas, put in place measures to deter illegal dumping, encourage reuse and recycling, and strengthen the relationships between local councils, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the broader community.

Local Aboriginal Land Councils who are able to work in partnership with their respective local council are eligible for grants up to \$50,000.

The Expression of Interest application period runs from 1 December 2008 and closes on 31 January 2009. Applicants will have their Expression of Interest application assessed and may then be contacted to submit a full application.

Further information about the grant can be found at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/alcup.htm> or by contacting the Local Government Section of the Sustainability Programs Division of DECC on (02) 8837 6000.

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



### Funding For Domestic And Family Violence Projects

As part of the NSW Government's improved approach to tackling domestic and family violence more than \$2 million in new funding is available each year to support non-Government organisations' projects to prevent or minimise the impact of domestic and family violence. Of these funds, \$900,000 is specifically targeted to Aboriginal projects. The Office for Women's Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet, is administering the funding program.

The Office for Women's Policy is now calling for expressions of interest from non-Government organisations for funding for domestic and family violence projects in 2008/09.

To be eligible, projects must:

- be conducted in New South Wales;
- be no longer than 3 years;
- be consistent with the objectives of the Grants Program, as indicated in the guidelines;
- be delivered by providers with expertise in the area of addressing domestic and family violence, or violence against women;
- not duplicate existing services in the area; and
- either have already been positively evaluated or include evaluation as a key component of the project.

The closing date for applications is 27 February 2009. Application forms and guidelines are available on the Office for Women's Policy website at [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au)

Applications should be addressed to: The Manager, Violence Prevention Coordination Unit, Office for Women's Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet, PO Box 5341, SYDNEY NSW 2000 or [vpcc@dpcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vpcc@dpcc.nsw.gov.au)

Please contact the Violence Prevention Coordination Unit for further information on (02) 9228-3141.



# 30 the magic number in Launceston



Both Generation Cup footy sides after their game. It was a friendly match. Photo: Dean Everett

## 13th Cup a winner

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people gathered in Launceston recently for a friendly battle between the young and old at the annual Generation Cup. The event, which is organised by the

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, has been a tradition for the past 13 years.

Under-30s and Over-30s teams went head-to-head in netball, softball and football. While they were friendly matches, a competitive spirit was definitely present.

Young guns displayed their fine skill and youth, while the oldies showed they had not lost their touch.

In the first match of the day, the Over-30s netball team scraped in with a one-point win. The Under-30s girls came back with a vengeance in the softball match, giving the Over-30s a fair caning with 23 home runs to a mere one. There's always next year!

Headlining the day was the Aussie rules football match. Spectators were treated to a close competition and witnessed some goals kicked from close to centre thanks to the strong winds. Following losses for the past two years, the Over-30s emerged winners, the final score 56-39.

### Sports Hall of Fame

Although his boots are hung up, one former footballer, Ambrose McDonald, took the focus from those on the field when he was inducted into the Tasmanian Aboriginal Sports Hall of Fame.

Ambrose was a late starter when it came to football, but he soon made up for it. He was 19 when he played his first game during a stint in prison in 1979.

"I was a good ice-skater and badminton player at school," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"But I was too frightened to play football – until the ball touched my hands that day. It was like slow motion, it's never happened since."

"From that day on you couldn't keep me off the footy field."

Scouts from Tasmanian Premier League



Ambrose McDonald was presented with memorabilia, featuring 'that' photo, to mark his induction into the Tasmanian Aboriginal Sports Hall of Fame. Picture: Dean Everett

side Sandy Bay came to watch him play 'inside' and secured him when he was released in 1985. He went on to become one of the side's hardest players, and features in one of the most famous photos in Tasmanian football history. The image shows Ambrose, in the 1986 grand final, standing over a rival player his coach had told him to 'get rid of any way he could'.

"He called me a black dog so, a little blatantly, I punched him in the jaw," Ambrose recalled.

"I didn't get sent off, but I lost eight weeks."

Ambrose went on to play for Campbell Town, winning the club and association best-and-fairest awards.

Ambrose is also a renowned sprinter, accomplished artist and published poet.



The Over-30s netball team happy with their one-point win. Photo: Graeme Gardner



The Under-30 netballers. Photo: Graeme Gardner



The Under-30 softballers were chuffed with their 23-1 win over the Over-30s.





Representatives of Follow the Dream Australia, WA, were amongst about 3000 people from nearly 30 countries to attend WIPC:E 2008.

# Thousands came, saw and learnt

**R**ESPECT for tradition and passion for the future drove thousands of the world's Indigenous teachers, policy makers, Elders, students, young people and community leaders to converge on Melbourne last week.

For many delegates, the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference: Education (WIPC:E) 2008 confirmed that Indigenous peoples the world over share common struggles.

Held on the lands of the Kulin Nation from 7-11 December and co-ordinated by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI), WIPC:E 2008 provided



an unprecedented opportunity for discussion, cultural exchange and networking.

Photos in this special liftout feature are by conference photographer WAYNE QUILLIAM and *The Koori Mail's* KIRSTIE PARKER.



Robert Bamblett, of Melbourne's One Fire Dancers, played didgeridoo for delegates at the WIPC:E 2008 opening ceremony on Sunday, 7 December.

**Reports and pictures from WIPC:E 2008 on the next seven pages**





Writer Bruce Pascoe kicked off the conference speeches on Day One. He's seen here with ACT Elder Matilda House's image projected on the screen behind him.

# 'Do more' challenge for us all

By KIRSTIE PARKER

**T**HE biggest international gathering of Indigenous educators and education policy makers wrapped up in Melbourne last Thursday with both governments and Indigenous communities challenged to do more for future generations.

The World Indigenous Peoples' Conference: Education (WIPC:E) 2008 attracted about 3000 people from nearly 30 countries to the lands of the Kulin nation.

The massive five-day event, most of it held at Rod Laver Arena, featured keynote speeches from some of the world's leading experts in Indigenous education, with presenters hailing from Botswana to Bangladesh, Taiwan to Toronto.

Australian speakers included Indigenous educator Chris Sarra, West Australian health researcher Colleen Hayward and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

The program also packed more than 260 concurrent sessions and countless panels in between the opening and closing events, giving everyone from youth to Elders an opportunity to be heard.

Amongst the challenges to emerge from the conference were a national bilingual education policy, legislation to protect Indigenous languages, abandonment of low expectations for Indigenous students, 'truth telling' within the Indigenous education community, a revision of curriculums to properly respect Indigenous identity, and better training for the education workforce.

Education was considered key to improving the social and economic circumstances of Indigenous people – or closing the gap – the world over, but only if it incorporated Indigenous values and knowledge systems in a meaningful way.

WIPC:E 2008 had an overarching theme of 'Indigenous Education in the 21st Century: Respecting Tradition, Shaping the Future'.

WIPC:E 2008 Knowledge Committee Chair Mark Rose described the event as 'a stage on which the Indigenous world can showcase and celebrate both



Keynote speaker Dr Graham Hingangaroa Smith from Aotearoa (New Zealand).



Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association (VACSAL) and Elder Dr Alf Bamblett

culture and education in one place at one time'.

And so delegates did, with many also participating in a full-day welcome to country ceremony at the historic Aboriginal Advancement League (AAL), performances, and day tours to nearby significant Aboriginal sites. Also squeezed in was an emerging leaders' summit for young people to discuss ways to maintain culture in the global environment.

Mr Rose said the conference respected the traditional values of Aboriginal education 'from birth to death' by encompassing early childhood, compulsory primary, compulsory secondary, vocational education and higher education.

In the first keynote speech, delivered at the opening ceremony at Australia's oldest Indigenous organisation, the Aboriginal Advancement League (AAL), WIPC:E 2008 patron Emeritus Professor Colin Bourke

called for Aboriginal people to be educated 'as Aborigines as well as Australians'.

"Today Aboriginal people are not receiving an education that enhances and promotes their Aboriginality," he said.

"...We need a total education within our cultural context."

Professor Bourke, who is an adjunct professor at Monash University, said Aboriginal Australia would be totally absorbed into mainstream Australia and become 'a memory' unless Aboriginal traditional values were maintained.

"The task which faces all involved in Indigenous education today is to ensure the survival of Indigenous cultural heritage, values and identity," he said, adding the task was not unique to Australia.

The conference moved to the main venue the following day, which began with a 'call to tongues' by Aboriginal teacher and author Bruce Pascoe.

Mr Pascoe delivered a sobering reminder of the precarious state of Australian Indigenous languages.

He said Indigenous Australians would be acceding to the desires of colonisers – 'the victors' – if they did not pursue the reclamation of their languages.

"...In the language are our ideas and we need them, the world needs them," he said.

"This is not a call to arms, for after all, our ancestors were the great peace-makers, instead it is a call to tongues, to learn our languages, find its secrets and remember them."

"...Pursuing and protecting our culture will not undermine the Australian nation but enhance its understanding of itself."

Mr Pascoe was followed by Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages (FATSIL) Manager Paul Herbert, who expressed disappointment at a lack of political support for establishment of a national Indigenous language policy, institute and protective legislation.

"Here in Australia, our politicians have clearly failed to acknowledge Australia's first languages, the oldest spoken languages on earth, while in other countries it seems standard practice," he said.

"The vast majority of programs  
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WIPC:E MCs Kylie Belling and Robert Bamblett on stage.





Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma during his address.

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and initiatives have failed over the years because of a breakdown in communication and this will continue until Australia's languages are properly recognised," he said.

Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL) and Elder Dr Alf Bamblett explored 'how we can go from being recipients to being participants in this day and age'.

"We need to make sure we have ownership over the design, and implementation of all these programs," he said.

Challenges to Indigenous communities flowed from both sides of the Tasman, with influential Maori professor Graham Hingangaroa Smith calling for a more frank discussion within Indigenous circles, and Australia's Dr Chris Sarra encouraging communities to lift their expectations of Indigenous students.

Professor Smith is credited with having helped the emergence of Maori Education Studies as a distinct entity within the tertiary sector, especially in NZ universities.

He told conference delegates of an education revolution which started in his home country and continued in 1991 with the establishment of the 'Te Kohanga Reo', or language nest.

Under that initiative, all Maori babies and preschool children were totally immersed in Maori language, and it helped the community move away from being negative and reactive to being proactive and positive.

Professor Smith said New Zealanders had begun to speak what he called the 'politics of truth'.

"These are the types of discussions we need to have amongst ourselves," he said.

Professor Smith suggested that Indigenous people needed to pursue a moral and ethical leadership.

He spoke of what he called the 'privatised native academic worker' but said communities also needed to move beyond anti-intellectualism.

"It is not either or," he said.

In his keynote address on Tuesday, Dr Sarra, the Executive Director of the Brisbane-based Indigenous Education Leadership Institute, railed against a culture of low expectations of Indigenous students by principals and teachers and - in some cases - Indigenous parents.

He championed the increasingly



Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike and VAEAI President Geraldine Atkinson on the stage during their presentation.



Milliwanga Sandy, from Beswick in the NT, gave an emotional address.

# Top experts speak out

popular 'stronger and smarter' philosophy in Indigenous education, which the former principal used to turn around attendance and educational outcomes at Cherbourg Primary School in southern Queensland some years back.

More recently, he undertook a review of Indigenous education within Victoria on behalf of the State Government, which found alarmingly low outcomes amongst some of Victoria's 9000 Koorie students, including that some in secondary school could barely read.

His findings propelled the State Government to reform its Victorian College of Koorie Education (VCOKE) campuses to create more balance between cultural grounding and the pursuit of academic excellence.

Some community members have resisted the reforms, fearing students' cultural identity will suffer.

Dr Sarra said Indigenous people needed to question whether they themselves were colluding with low expectations for their children.

"Sometimes we collude with a watered-down expectation of Aboriginal kids," he said bluntly.

"...It is as simple as this. You either believe in a stronger and smarter Aboriginal identity or you don't."

That identity included kids going to school every day, working hard in the classroom, being nice to the teacher and other kids, being proud to be Aboriginal, and standing up for themselves.

Dr Sarra also referred to controversy over his criticism last month of the skills of some teachers sent to Indigenous communities, initially using the term 'white trash'. He later stepped back from those words, saying 'If I had my time

again I would use the term 'lazy and incompetent'."

"Stereotyping is a despicable phenomena," he told the conference. "(But) if we in Australia are going to get precious about it, we have to be precious about it when Aboriginal people are stereotyped too."

"We all get to make a choice about what kind of student identity we collude with," he said, adding that for him 'stronger and smarter' was an identity that was closer to the truth than one where Aboriginal students acted like delinquents.

Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) President and Chairperson of WIPC:E 2008's national strategic committee Geraldine Atkinson and Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike co-presented a session on the State's Wannik Strategy on Indigenous education.

## Policies failed

They agreed current outcomes showed that previous government policies had failed, but were optimistic that the new strategy - which included principals and teachers undergoing cross-cultural competency training and the development of an education plan for all Koorie students - would help turn the situation around.

"The success of the Wannik Strategy in the long-term will rely mostly on the skills and capabilities of the educational workforce," Ms Pike said.

The issue of bilingual education in Northern Territory remote schools came in for a lot of discussion at the conference, especially a recent NT Government decree that the first four hours of the school day must be in conducted only in English.

Just nine remote Territory

schools currently run formal bilingual programs, but they provide a model that many would like to see repeated around the country, and this has fuelled a national backlash against the Government's new policy.

Two remote school educators, Yalmay Yunupingu from Yunupingu and Milliwanga Sandy from Beswick, took to the stage on Tuesday night.

Powerfully, Ms Sandy addressed conference delegates in her own traditional language and then offered an English translation.

The Katherine language centre worker questioned how language in a community like Beswick could survive if it was relegated to being taught for just two hours once a week.

"Our children will lose their language... without our languages, we are lost," she said, pointing to her heart.

"They want to take away the bush skills and take away the teachers and the non-Indigenous teachers that come into the bush schools."

"...It's like we're all back in history. I have lived in the past and so has Yalmay and I know I was one of the children growing up first to learn English in the school. I didn't know what the teacher was saying; she would say to me 'Oh cut that mumbo jumbo out'."

"We have to be strong. We have to preserve our language. It has to go on for future generations, especially when we are gone."

Ms Sandy's comments drew immediate support from Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma who addressed the conference next, describing bilingual schools as models for sustainable Indigenous education the world over.

He said the NT Government's new policy was unethical, reckless and 'an ill-informed assault' which would effectively kill off bilingual education which taught children to 'walk in both the Indigenous world and the non-Indigenous world'.

"I think the NT Government needs reminding that bilingual schools support and enhance all that we Indigenous people have fought for over time to preserve our independent cultures and identities," he said.

"Furthermore, our cultures and our languages are our human rights, protected under international treaties. Our struggles to be heard and to be recognised have resulted in international treaties which offer us protections for our rights."

"In my view, the NT Government is looking for a quick fix to a very large and complex issue... in endangering languages we endanger cultural knowledge."

Mr Calma called for the Federal Government take a leadership role and develop a national policy on bilingual education.

Another keynote speaker, Octaviano Trujillo from Northern Arizona in the US, told gathered media of moves in the United States to also dismantle bilingual education.

One of the final conference speakers was Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin who said Australia was 'learning to make peace with the past to lay claim to the future'.

She said the national apology to Indigenous Australians in February had been the first step to building respect and trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, but it was things like education that would move the country forward, helping to close gaps in Indigenous disadvantage.

She cited Yorta Yorta Aboriginal rights campaigner and founder of the Australian Aborigines League, William Cooper, as an example of a person who had used the power of education for practical action.

Mr Cooper's lesser-known quest to prevent the persecution of Jews was honoured by the Victorian Parliament the week before the conference (see report page 10).

WIPC:E 2008 ended with a closing concert that featured a Parade of Nations where WIPC:E delegates, dressed in traditional costume, formed a procession of colour around the arena.

WIPC:E is held every three years and will next be held in Peru, South America, in 2011.





NTIEC representatives, at back, Patrick Puruntatameri, from Tiwi Islands, and Ian Woods, from Katherine. Front, from left, Elizabeth Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, from Millingimbi, Eucharia Tipunwati, from Tiwi Islands, and Beryl Pultara, from Ti-Tree.



Kutcha Edwards joins Herb Patten, Marion Howard, Ron Murray and other local musicians on stage.



Blackfoot Nation Elder Tom Crane Bear (seated left) with Janice Tanton Canmore and Brian Calliou, from the Cree Nation, all from Alberta, Canada.



Conference delegates Beatrice Henry, from Rockhampton in Queensland, and Cherry Cubillo, from Darwin. Both are students at Deakin University's Institute for Koori Education.



Three generations of the Fergie family, from left, Doseena Fergie with five-month-old granddaughter Arieta Fergie and daughter Safina Fergie. Doseena recently won the Victorian Nursing Excellence in Indigenous Health Award. Safina is a teacher and an artist. Supported by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria to attend the conference, the family live in Melbourne.



● ABOVE: Maori delegates Stephen Simon, of the Ngati Maniapoto/Tainui tribe, and Ani Connor-Smith, of the Rongowhakaata and East Coast tribes. Both came from Hamilton in New Zealand.

● ABOVE RIGHT: Victoria's Uncle Herb Patten blows a few tunes on his gumleaf during a lunchtime performance on day two of the conference.

● BOTTOM RIGHT: Let me guess, you're related? Esme Bamblett and her sis Geraldine Atkinson.

● BOTTOM LEFT: Tauondi Community College Board members Pat Waria-Read (standing) and Colleen Coleman-Prideaux, from Port Adelaide.







Aboriginal education union representatives had their priorities straight outside Rod Laver Arena.



Nikki Foy, from the Victorian Department of Education, Early Childhood Development, Ballarat, and Stephen Walsh, from VAEAI in Morwell.



Grant Paulson with Queensland's Boni Robertson, left, and Millwanga Sandy, from Beswick in the Northern Territory.



Liz Cavanagh and Maori delegate Tamiha Herangi.

# Crowd packs Arena

**I**t is a big venue but Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena could barely contain the buzz of the 3000 Indigenous people from across the world who joined Australian educators and policy makers there for World Indigenous Peoples' Conference: Education (WIPC:E) 2008 from 8-11 December.

In between keynote

speeches from some of the world's leading experts in Indigenous education and more than 260 concurrent sessions on everything from history and language to school retention and curriculum development, conference photographer WAYNE O'QUILLIAM and *The Koori Mail's* KIRSTIE PARKER captured just some of the locals and overseas visitors.



Kym Walker from La Trobe University, John Williams-Mozley and WIPC:E Committee member Kaye Price.



Clayton Murray-Mitchell, from Echuca East Primary School, Michael Sanders, from Oxfam Australia, and Josh Wanganeen, from the Echuca College of Koorie Education.



VAEAI's Nick Hayne and Reuben Doolah, from Sydney.



Kirsty Burchill, 15, from Mossman, Marijke Bassan, 18, of Hopevale, James Back, 15, from Weipa, Tanika Deemal, 19, from Hopevale, and Keithean Bowen, 16. The group was supported by the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership to attend the conference.



Having a chat backstage were Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and Lionel Bamblett.



Performer Ruby Hunter (right) and friends.





New Zealand delegates, from left, Alison Green, of the University of Waikato, Tania Oxenham, from Waikato Institute of Technology, Kim Williams, from the Department of Professional Studies, and Marion Tahana, of Waikato Institute of Technology.



Staff from the Catholic Schools Office, Armidale (northern New South Wales) Diocese, representing 25 schools including some in the centres of Moree, Armidale, Tamworth, Walgett, Narrabri and Glen Innes.



Colleagues Yvonne Green and Tea Buckley, of Midland Education District in Western Australia, and Sheena Graham, from Ausaid in Canberra.



Enjoying the performances were, from left, Philippa Johnson, Kate Wragge, Florence Sailor, Margaret Cora and Coral Way, all from the Catholic Education Diocese at Rockhampton.



Sandy Atkinson (with didgeridoo) with, from left, Jason Walker, from Hayward, Roland Atkinson and Nungus Edwards, from Cummeragunyah, and Nathan Lovett-Murray, from Melbourne.



From Left, Maise Napaljarri Kitson and Helen Napururrla Morton, from Willowra School in the Northern Territory, and Sharon Nampitjinpa Anderson, from Lajamanu School.



The Jindi Worabak dance group. Back, from left, Dylan Sperling, Kathy Harrison, Bill Nicholson, Daniel Weston. Front, from left, Damien Nicholson, Mariah Charles, and Willy Nicholson.



Aunty Irene Harrington, Neola Savage from Woorabinda State School, and Melitta Hogarth, from the Studies Authority ATSI Committee.



These senior Australian educators were announced as Lifetime Achievers during the Family Day concert.





Maori dancers strike a pose.



Chief Betty Patrick, from the Lake Babine Nation of Canada.



Cameron Cutts and Leroy Parsons were there.



Adelaide's Brian Butler (at back) with Syd Sparrow and Meegan Sparrow.



Sharee Harper, from Melbourne.

# A league of their own!

Report: KIRSTIE PARKER  
Photos: WAYNE QUILLIAM  
and KIRSTIE PARKER



THE World Indigenous Peoples' Conference: Education (WIPC:E) 2008 was unfurled against a backdrop of cultural respect, after a day-long Welcome to Country Ceremony at the historic Aboriginal Advancement League (AAL) in Melbourne on Sunday, 7 December.

About 2500 delegates registered at the home of what is the country's oldest Aboriginal organisation and after collecting their conference satchels, ventured out into the sunshine to soak up cultural performances on stage and on an expanse of sand transported onto the AAL oval for the occasion.

They were welcomed to the lands of the Wurundjeri people, as part of the Kulin nation, by Elder Auntie Joy Murphy-Wandin, followed by a performance by Melbourne dance group One Fire which was co-founded by Robert Bamblett, who went on to MC the five-day conference, along with actor and teacher Kylie Belling.

Auntie Joy told those gathered that Australia's Indigenous community was very young, with under-25-year-olds representing about 50 per cent of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

"There are many children here today and when we talk about what we're

going to do and how we're going to do it, there's no better way to do that than to involve our young people," she said.

WIPC:E 2008 was hosted by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) and was three years in the planning following the previous WIPC:E conference in Hamilton, New Zealand, in 2005.

VAEAI President and Chair of WIPC:E 2008 Strategic Committee Geraldine Atkinson told delegates Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people came from complex and diverse backgrounds, beliefs and practices 'but we share a desire to preserve those'.

## Whole spectrum

VAEAI Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the WIPC:E 2008 Knowledge Committee Dr Mark Rose said this year's conference had been expanded to encompass the whole spectrum of education, 'holistically, a birth to death phenomenon'.

Dr Rose outlined the conference's three themes of Respecting Tradition, Living with Competing Knowledge Systems and Beyond the Horizon.

"Very few gatherings of educators can claim that they directly represent tens of thousands of years of practice," he said.

"This is what WIPC:E offers."

Conference patron Professor Colin Bourke gave the first keynote address and advocated for a system that educated Aboriginal Australians 'as

Aborigines as well as Australians' if Aboriginal Australia was to remain more than just a memory in the future.

"Today, Aboriginal people are not receiving an education that enhances and preserves their Aboriginality," said Professor Bourke, who was the first Aboriginal school principal in Victoria and is now an adjunct professor and council member at Monash University.

He said Aboriginal education should be grounded in Aboriginal values and philosophy, spirituality, languages, history, ecology, medicine and arts.

During the opening ceremony, about 20 Indigenous educators including Newcastle University's Professor John Lester and South Australia's Peter Buckskin and Lynette Crocker were recognised for their dedication to Indigenous education with lifetime achievement awards.

A range of community organisations and educational bodies showcased their wares on stalls inside the AAL building and around the oval, with WIPC:E merchandise amongst the most sought-after items.

After the speeches, delegates from Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Hawaii, the Torres Strait and other communities across the world responded to the welcome, through words, dance and song.

This smorgasbord of traditional culture was washed down by contemporary music from Lou Bennett and the Sweet Cheeks, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Peter Rotumah and The Grenadines.

Turn to the next page for more WIPC:E community pictures







A young member of the Malu Ibal dance group from the Torres Strait.



Hawaiian dancers on the stage at WIPC:E.



A Gitksan Nation dancer from Canada.



Hawaiian Elders, from right, Kanoelani Crowell and Carole Mahie.



Judy Ketchell, Dana Ober and Stacey Ketchell, all of Tagai State College on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.



Moree fella Craig Duncan of St Joseph's College and Merindah Wilson, originally from Walgett and now working for the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.



Stan Yarramanua, Bill Byrne and Reg Blow, all from Melbourne, and Stephen Hagan, of Toowoomba.



One of the Maori dancers.



Conference Co-MCs Kylie Belling and Robert Bamblett.



Joy Murphy welcomed delegates to Wurundjeri country in Melbourne.



Melbourne's Cathy Austin with sons Kobi, 12, and Sebastian, 4.



WIPC:E patron Emeritus Professor Colin Bourke.





The Durri ACMS Board of Directors, from left, Garth Fatnowna, Colleen Campbell, Kim Donoghue, Mary Button, Shirley Kelly, Mary-Lou Buck and Gerald Hoskins (Chair).

# Tackling diabetes

**NSW** AN Aboriginal medical service on the NSW mid north coast has developed a new education resource package aimed at educating students about the implications, management and treatment of Type 2 Diabetes.

With diabetes fast becoming a health concern in younger Indigenous people, lifestyle choices in terms of diet and exercise are seen as key issues by health authorities.

The Chronic Disease team at Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (ACMS) in Kempsey wanted their community to look at Diabetes Type 2 (DT2) as a health condition that is manageable and treatable; that the lives of those with the disease are not over – they just change.

A planning day was held in November last year with teachers and Aboriginal education officers from across the local Macleay schools region looking at current kits and information about diabetes.

After widespread discussion, analysis and feedback was gathered, agreement was reached



The new diabetes education resource kit developed by Durri Aboriginal Medical Service.

that the kit should consist of four booklets in a boxed kit, as well as promotional material such as stickers and t-shirts.

The boxed kit includes an overview, a factual health booklet, a camp booklet, as well as one on games and physical activity.

The kit features Kempsey Indigenous people telling of their

experiences with diabetes. It offers suggestions for lifestyle and health choices.

"The main goal was to draw attention to lifestyle choices, such as exercise and physical activity, as well as learning what it is to have a balanced diet, which is what will prevent our kids getting Type 2 Diabetes," said Durri



Logo competition winner Caitlyn Meehan, centre, with Durri team members, from left, Ben Williams, Leanne Spencer, Sammi Fatnowna and Laurie Clay.

ACMS Resource Development Officer Sammi Fatnowna.

A competition was also held across the region to produce a logo to go with the Chronic Disease slogan 'DT2 new life for you'. Gladstone Public School student Caitlyn Meehan's entry was judged the best from more than 200 logos.

The kit received funding from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing and has been distributed free to local schools. It is also available to be purchased by other schools and Aboriginal medical services.

For more information, contact Durri ACMS on tel (02) 6560 2300 or via email on CEO@durri.org.au



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# Spotlight on health



THE Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) in Brisbane has opened its science labs in an effort to teach high school students about Indigenous health.

The Institute program *Spotlighting Careers in Indigenous Health and Science* has been run twice in 2008, most recently with students from the Queensland centres of Charleville, Oakey, Clifton, Bundaberg, Innisfail, Cairns, Cunnamulla and Dalby.

For some visiting students, it was their first time in the 'big smoke'.

While in Brisbane, they visited the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), University of Queensland (UQ) and the South Bank Institute of Technology, where they were given information on tertiary education and scholarships.

The students participated in a workshop hosted by CSIRO, attended Indigenous health lectures at QIMR and then had some hands-on experience in the laboratories.

They also visited the Sciencentre at South Bank and managed to fit in a cultural visit with dance group Mirrabooka.

One student told the group's hosts that the program 'opened my eyes to how many Indigenous people are dying from diseases that most people don't die from'.

"It's not every day you get to work in a huge research lab with real scientists and do experiments," said another.

QIMR will continue the program in 2009.

For more information, contact the Institute on telephone 1800 993 000.



On a recent visit at the QIMR, from left, Daryl Hall (Dalby State High School), Marlene Johnson (parent from Bundaberg SHS), Ellen Nash (Clifton SHS), Jade Smith (North Rockhampton SHS), Elizabeth Hungerford (Clifton SHS), Emma Nolan (Cunnamulla SHS), Shauna Johnson (Bundaberg SHS), Beyhan Kemp (Bentley Park College, Cairns), Tyson Michell (Charleville SHS), Jessica Iffland (Clifton SHS), Courtney Kelly (Good Counsel College), Joshua Preece (North Rockhampton SHS), Kaiya Walker (Bundaberg SHS), Christine Pauli (Clifton SHS), Kira Clark (Innisfail SHS) and Kaylee McKellar (Oakey SHS).

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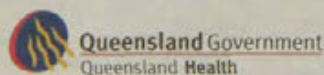
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ABOVE: Beyhan Kemp, from Bentley Park College in Cairns, and Shauna Johnson, from Bundaberg State High School, in the Immunology laboratory at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research.

LEFT: Kaylee McKellar, from Oakey State High School, and Marlene Johnson, the parent of a student at Bundaberg State High School, in the QIMR scabies laboratory.

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Palm Island's Bwgcolman State School high-achievers with their awards after the presentation ceremony.

## Bwgcolman's high achievers win trophies – and plenty of praise

By ALF WILSON



**HIGH-ACHIEVING** students from Bwgcolman State School on the North Queensland Aboriginal Community of

Palm Island were presented with trophies and prizes at an award ceremony this month.

Students from each grade received academic awards

for excellence, good citizenship, music skills and sporting ability.

The ceremony was under a huge tent outside the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council offices.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey praised the students, saying they were the future of the community.

"It is great to see so many people here, and all of the

**'This has been a fantastic positive for (Palm Island) and the students are so happy'**

students. This is bringing the school to the community," he said.

Guests were welcomed to

country by traditional owner Allan Palm Island, and young school dancers in traditional paint performed to applause.

Local worker Miseron Levi said the event was wonderful for the community.

"This has been a fantastic positive for the place and the students are so happy" he said.

Brandyn Castors, 6, and

Shauntae Ryan, 6, won the citizen award and academic award respectively for Year 1.

"I want to have a good education and I always ask questions in my class," Brandyn said.

Four older students, Ka Kahlani (Grade 7), Vernon Geia (Grade 8), Dennis Haines (Grade 9) and Yolanda Kerr (Grade 10), were presented with bikes provided by the Cathy Freeman Foundation.

# Help now online



**IMPROVING** the numeracy and literacy skills of people in remote Indigenous communities is the goal of a new online literacy tool.

Read English on the Web

(REOW) has been developed by Northern Territory-based Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Charles Darwin University.

Batchelor Institute's Associate Professor Lyn Fasoli says REOW targets Indigenous adult learners with limited learning experience in formal settings, low levels of formal education and low levels of literacy in their first language.

"The development of REOW was a collaborative project between Charles

## New Web tool to improve literacy and numeracy

Darwin University and Batchelor Institute and was funded by the Australian Federal Government's, Industry Training Strategies Programme for Indigenous Regional Projects," she said.

John Groatorex, from the School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems at CDU, says the project originated from requests made by people in remote

communities, particularly homeland centres.

"They are looking to use digital technologies for culturally appropriate education in English and computer literacy," he said.

"The REOW program includes texts that support Indigenous homeland centre sustainability – such as how to apply for a driver's licence, how to send out an

invoice, or how to fill in official forms."

The REOW computer program was designed by Associate Professor Kaye Lowe, from the University of Canberra, who says the main aim of the new online tool is to support Indigenous adults with low literacy skills to achieve literacy success.

"With the support of screen readers, learners choose what to read, explore how reading works, engage in interactive reading activities, and learn basic skills in using the computer and the word processor. Adult learners are able to learn independently, privately, and at their own pace," she said.

REOW is being trialled and will be ready to be rolled out in the New Year. The program can be found at [www.cdu.edu.au/reow](http://www.cdu.edu.au/reow)



## Special connection tames 'wild boys'



HIS students were considered 'wild boys' and a hard group to crack, but Alice Springs lecturer Wayne Barbour had a

special connection with the men which made all the difference.

Mr Barbour was born in Alice Springs in the 1960s and is of Aranda descent. He has returned to Central Australia, bringing his knowledge of the Indigenous and European worlds he experienced growing up in a Darwin Aboriginal mission and working in the bush.

He has made a big impact after joining Charles Darwin University (CDU) earlier this year as a vocational lecturer in land resource management at Tennant Creek.

This was his first formal lecturing position, bringing skills and passions in Indigenous land management built from a career

as a stockman, ranger and natural resource manager in the Top End of the NT.

Moving from Melbourne early last year, Mr Barbour spent time researching and reconnecting with his family, which is spread across Central Australia including Tennant Creek.

He said that having family connections in Tennant Creek helped to change the dynamics in his classroom.

### Challenge

"At first, it was a challenge. I had to think in a desert way and let go of my Top End experience. But once they got to know who I was, the process changed because we developed the respect between us," he said.

Feeling a real connection with the students, Mr Barbour spent time in Tennant Creek where he realised that Indigenous people's perspectives of education

were in stark contrast to those of Europeans.

"Weed spraying is a classic example because to them (Indigenous people) we were killing plants which could have a cultural value," he said. Mr Barbour's solution was to explain that dangerous bushfires were more of a threat to bush tucker.

"It's all about final delivery and fitting education into the world they live," he said.

The results have been impressive, with a 96 per cent pass rate for Mr Barbour's latest batch of Certificate I in Conservation Land Management students as part of the Green Corps program.

"It was a challenge, but the team here is encouraging me to bring Indigenous thinking into my delivery which is crucial to these students," he said.

"They turned out to be a great mob."



Charles Darwin University lecturer Wayne Barbour ... "They turned out to be a great mob."

# Students fired up



FIVE Indigenous Kormilda College students lit up the bush this dry season at the Territory Wildlife Park, near Darwin,

as part of a new science scholarship program with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Working side-by-side with CSIRO scientists, the students were involved in experimental burning on research plots at the park, as well as taking measurements of fire behaviour and studying its ecological effects.

The scholarship, named after Indigenous botanist Jack Cusack who was with CSIRO for 35 years, was awarded this year to Billy Baylis, Djuma Dawes, Veronica Pierik, Jobastin Priest and Allanah Retchford. It aims to provide students with experience in science and hopefully encourage them to consider science as a career option.

CSIRO fire ecologist Dick Williams said the students gained hands-on experience in scientific research by working in the field alongside scientists.

He said the two days working with the students documenting fire behaviour at the Territory Wildlife Park were among his most memorable and rewarding as a scientist.

"I basically threw them in at the deep end, and they started swimming very fast and very well," he said.

"We collected 10 fuel samples from each of three 1ha



Kormilda College science scholarship students, from left, Veronica Pierik, Allanah Retchford, Jobastin Priest, Billy Baylis and Djuma Dawes around Jack Cusack's memorial plaque and tree at the CSIRO laboratory in Darwin.

experimental plots. This meant random sampling, cutting and weighing in the field, and entering and analysing data in the lab.

"They worked out among themselves the most efficient way to do this. The next day we set fire to the plots, and measured how quickly the fires spread, using a mix of simple and sophisticated scientific equipment.

"We stood and watched the fires, from within the plots, and

made measurements of flame heights."

Dr Williams said the work was difficult, physically and intellectually, but the students rose to the occasion.

### Scientists

Year 9 student Billy Baylis said he enjoyed the field work. "We liked the way we were made to feel like fellow scientists rather than just some kids helping out," he said.

Year 12 student Veronica Pierik said learning about the effects of fire on the environment and being taught how to light experimental fires were a couple of the highlights.

"It was great fun being able to make fires without getting into trouble!" she said.

Dr Williams said the students had fun, kept their keen sense of humour and, above all, enjoyed learning something about science, people and the bush.

## Celebrating a great man

JACK Cusack (pictured in later life) was an Indigenous man from the Northern Territory who was a botanist with CSIRO in Darwin for 35 years.

He was born in Walpiri country 700km south-west of Darwin in 1935 but was taken from his family when he was a boy and raised on a mission on the Tiwi Islands.

He maintained his association with CSIRO following his

retirement, up until he passed away in late 2007. Jack was an expert botanist who was highly regarded for his

contributions to science and for being a role model. According to CSIRO the scholarship is a way of celebrating the contributions Jack Cusack made throughout his life and career.

It is also a way of enabling young Aboriginal people to hear and to learn about who Jack was and hopefully motivate some of these young people to aspire to follow in his footsteps.

The Jack Cusack Memorial Science Scholarship is a partnership between CSIRO in Darwin and Kormilda College.





## Centrelink reminder on ABSTUDY deadline



**FEDERAL** agency Centrelink is reminding ABSTUDY customers to complete and return the 'End of Year Review'

form they received at the end October to ensure payments continue as usual. "If you're an ABSTUDY customer and intend to continue studying in 2009, you need to let Centrelink know by

completing and returning this form as soon as possible," said Centrelink Central and Northern Queensland ABSTUDY Manager Katrina Krueger. "As some customers may

live in remote areas and experience delays in receiving and sending mail, Centrelink also offers the option of completing the review over the phone. "Customers can do this by

telephoning Centrelink on 13 23 17. "If ABSTUDY customers don't contact Centrelink about continuing study in 2009, their payments may be suspended."



Shining in the spotlight, from left, camera operator Norm Wakerley, Laisha Whippy, ABC journalist Eric Tlozek and CDU student Arnold Nelson.

## Tennant students shine in spotlight



**ARNOLD** Nelson wasn't fazed about being interviewed by a journalist while all his study mates looked on.

For these men studying at Charles Darwin University's remote Tennant Creek campus, it was another acknowledgment of the huge strides they've taken during the past six months in the areas of numeracy, literacy skills and self-confidence.

Thanks to the efforts and talents of their Fijian-born teacher, Laisha Whippy, these Indigenous men have developed a passion for learning and are proud to tell the world about their achievements.

Ms Whippy's gentle approach to the men has seen many of them take big

steps forward after they arrived withdrawn and disengaged, having had unhappy experiences at school.

The class attendance rate is about 85 per cent, with an average of eight students regularly attending class twice a week.

Their story took the interest of an ABC television crew visiting Tennant Creek and, with a little encouragement, the men were keen to be interviewed by journalist Eric Tlozek.

After asking a handful of students about their experiences and achievements, Tlozek spoke to Ms

Whippy who was by all accounts the most nervous of the lot.

Egged on by her students, she spoke of her genuine pride in the students.

"I tell them one thing that can never be taken away from them is their

education," she said.

"It takes a little while, but step by step they get more empowered from what they know, and this helps them set

their sights on bigger goals."

Ms Whippy's numeracy lessons are adapted from a primary school curriculum that uses whiteboards and wooden number cubes that help the

men see their mathematics in action.

Watching behind the scenes, Centre Leader for Tennant Creek Kate Young said the day was of huge significance to the community who would hear about the interview.

"They'll go home and tell their friends and family about this and it will create a ripple effect through the local community," she said.

"It sends a very powerful message to many other men that they can be proud going to school."

Eric Tlozek supported Ms Young's comments.

"They were a little nervous at first, but I could see their pride coming through and it's important that we show these positive stories in the media," he said.

**'I tell my students the one thing that can never be taken away from them is their education'**

## Course success for trio



**THREE** young people from Box Ridge Mission in far northern NSW have graduated with a Certificate II in Hospitality, and now have even further cause for celebration after receiving job offers.

Anthea Gomes, 16, Tessia Williams, 25, and Justin Gomes, 18, received their awards at a recent graduation ceremony.

Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council Chief Executive Officer Lance Manton, who attended the graduation, praised the three for their efforts and dedication.

The Box Ridge trio were among ten people to graduate from the course, run by the YWCA in conjunction with nearby Lismore TAFE.



Box Ridge course participants, from left, Tessia Williams, Justin Gomes and Anthea Gomes.

Lismore TAFE Outreach Co-ordinator Sue Weingarth said the students had shown unique talents in many areas, and could now look forward to a

future in the hospitality industry. The students said they were looking forward to a new career path, but had not ruled out further studies.

## Better road safety the goal of grant



**A GRANT** of up to \$30,000 to improve Indigenous road safety education has been announced under the National Road Safety Strategy 2001-2010.

The grant will be awarded to a project that makes a significant contribution to reducing road trauma for Indigenous people.

One of the key initiatives of the road safety strategy is to support collaboration between State and Territory governments to reduce the numbers of Indigenous Australians killed or injured on the nation's roads.

As part of this, the Queensland

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government worked with Queensland Transport to present the Fourth Indigenous Road Safety Forum at the end of October.

Attended by about 80 people from around Australia, the forum gave those attending the chance to work to improve road safety for Indigenous Australians.

The forum included presentations by several recognised road safety experts, workshops and a visit to the local Yarrabah Aboriginal Community to discuss road safety issues of interest to the community.



## Coolgardie students in cry for help on their CD



Alice Haines ... 'a CD of courage'.



'Jesus I ask you to help my family. No more drinking, no more drugs'. These lyrics and more are an example of the cry for help from the children who attend CAPS Christian School at Coolgardie, in the Goldfields region of Western Australia. They are featured in *Children of the Resurrection*, a CD of music by students at the school compiled under the guidance of music teacher

and accomplished performer Alice Haines.

"*Children of the Resurrection* is a CD of extraordinary courage and talent from children who struggle to come to terms with hardships within their own community, yet are determined to make change," Ms Haines says.

"It is a CD from children who share their stories of pain and even encouragement to stay off drugs and alcohol.

"Many of the children come from

high-risk backgrounds and are living examples that to 'stay strong' is imperative to the struggles they and their families face."

Ms Haines says the CD is the first of its kind in Australia.

Money raised from sales of the CD will go back to the children in the form of music scholarships or similar ventures.

For more information about the *Children of the Resurrection* contact CAPS - Coolgardie on telephone (08) 9026 6115.

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### How to Apply

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### Student Support

ACU National has an Aboriginal Education Unit on each campus, which operates to assist and support students undertaking courses and to liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates are able to work in early childhood education in a number of ways:

- Early Childhood and Primary Teacher in government or non-government schools and in preschools, long day care centres, occasional care centres, with Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training or NSW Department of Community Services (Bachelor of Education Early Childhood and Primary graduates only)
- Early Childhood Teacher (birth to five years) in preschools, long day care centres, occasional care, out of school care with NSW Department of Community Services (Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) and Bachelor of Education Early Childhood and Primary graduates only)
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## Mums, kids helped



AN innovative parent-child education program is helping young Aboriginal mothers and children in Sydney with parenting skills and strategies.

The Inspire=Ed program, which provides mothers and children with weekly experiential learning, is running at the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation. Tharawal staff reported that some of the children taking part displayed noticeable positive changes within just a week.

The program starts by removing all plastic toys and using only natural materials. The children learn routines, songs, and interacting with others.

"Previously the children had been quite aggressive and unsettled. They became so much quieter, they're more settled, they're thriving," said Tharawal Health Services Co-ordinator Hilda Coombe.

"We are getting more and more families coming to the group."

Tharawal CEO Darryl Wright was also delighted with the success of the program.

"There has been such a positive change in the behaviour of parents and children - this important program is working in culturally appropriate ways to improve the knowledge and skills of our parents and children," he said.

Tharawal is now considering introducing the program in its associated child-care and preschool centre.

The Spirit of Childhood programs run by Inspire=Ed have been developed from more than three years of research into best practice parent education and early childhood education.

They have been delivered to parents and children across NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory and with programs planned in WA, SA and Tasmania. The programs aim to strengthen early parent/child bonds, build parenting skills and support an understanding of the early childhood ages and stages.

**'There has been such a positive change in the behaviour of parents and children'**



# Living space for students

The new Kitjarra building at Deakin University's Geelong campus.



**ABORIGINAL** students from around Australia have a new place to live while studying at Deakin University, in Victoria.

The university opened its new Kitjarra Centre on 10 December, which provides residential units and a common room for up to 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The centre is a place for them to come together, share knowledge and learn while in residence for their various courses at Deakin's Institute of Koorie Education.

Deakin University Vice-Chancellor Professor Sally Walker opened the Kitjarra Centre in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) President and Chair of the Institute's Board, Ms Geraldine Atkinson.

## Long association

"The opening ceremony was dedicated to, and in recognition of, the work of many community Elders who have had a long association with the Institute of Koorie Education and were instrumental in its establishment," Prof Walker said.

"The Kitjarra Centre demonstrates Deakin's commitment to Indigenous education and to providing opportunities for Indigenous students from around Australia to enjoy the benefits of a tertiary education."

"The Institute is a wonderful

success story; it provides tertiary study opportunities to Indigenous students from all parts of Australia, including the remotest communities, from the undergraduate level through to the PhD."

Prof Walker said the institute had been especially successful in developing its community-based learning model, and the appointment of the first of two Research Chairs in Indigenous Knowledge Systems this year further enhanced its research capacity.

"The Kitjarra Centre is the end result of a true and equal partnership between Deakin and VAEAI which includes a number of community Elders," Prof Walker said.

"This opening is dedicated to them and their tireless voluntary contributions that will not be forgotten."

VAEAI President Geraldine Atkinson said it would help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students immensely to have a place like Kitjarra to support them when they were studying at Deakin.

"Deakin was the first university to sign a partnership with VAEAI more than 15 years ago and the Kitjarra Centre is yet another outcome of Deakin's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education," she said.

The new Kitjarra Centre is located at Deakin University's Geelong campus at Waurn Ponds.



The Kitjarra dancers at the opening ceremony.

# Expansion plans for academies



**THE** Federal Government will provide \$10 million over four years to support the expansion of Clontarf Academies to improve the education, life skills and employment prospects of 700 Indigenous young men in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.



As part of the Federal Government's commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and

non-Indigenous Australians, it will provide \$10 million to match private and State funding for:

- Six existing Clontarf Academies beyond 31 December 2008;
- Six new academies from 2009-10; and
- A further three new academies from 2010-11.

The additional funding represents the first stage of a long-term commitment by the Government to helping the Clontarf Foundation to expand its network of academies throughout Australia.

Clontarf academies currently operate 23

academies in 18 locations and this funding will allow the organisation to expand its activities in Western Australia and the Northern Territory and to other interested states.

It will assist an additional 700 Indigenous young people to gain the confidence and skills to achieve at school and make a successful transition to work.

This will expand Clontarf's reach from around 1400 young people to 2100 – a 50 per cent increase in participants.

## 'Successful'

Clontarf says it has been successful in engaging young Indigenous men with school education. The academies also provide assistance to participants seeking employment or wanting to undertake post-school education.

Clontarf currently has 280 students in Darwin and the surrounding locations.

The organisation says aggregated attendance at these Top End academies was better than 73 per cent, and 90 per cent of the students were recorded as having improved their literacy and numeracy levels.



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Broome Primary School students enjoying brekkie before school as part of the Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club.

## Brekkie gets children off to good start



BROOME Primary School has joined more than 20 other West Australian schools in the Red Cross 'Good Start Breakfast Club'.

The school is the first in the Kimberley to join the brekkie club. It has been serving up healthy breakfasts to its students since term two, but has proved so popular – serving about 60 students at a time – that it recently increased from two days to three days a week.

The program runs with support from the Red Cross and the goodwill of the local community, and Broome Primary School is now calling for more volunteers to lend their time.

Red Cross Senior Manager of Nutrition and Aboriginal Support Barbara Hollin said there was a definite need to support schools and communities to run the program.

"Not having breakfast can affect a child's concentration and behaviour at school," she said.

"A healthy breakfast ensures the children stay much more alert and focused and enables them to learn better at school."

According to Ms Hollin, Red Cross was keen to enlist high school students into their volunteer program but said it was suitable for everyone and flexible enough for workers, who could give one morning a week and be back at their desk by 8.45am.

"Donations in kind such as fruit, milk, or even financial donations are also welcome and much needed," she said.

School Principal Dorothy McKee said the program was more than just about providing breakfast, but also had lasting effects for the students throughout their day.

"It's created a really positive and caring environment. The kids are relaxed and happy; they chat a lot to the volunteers. Some of the volunteers are older, so it's almost like they're talking to a grandparent," she said.

"When the kids start the day in a positive way, it carries right through everything."

The national brekkie program has been going since the early 1990s, and has almost 300 schools participating across the country.

To become a volunteer for the Good Start Breakfast Club, or to make a donation, please call Barbara on 0439 901 591.

## Students shown career pathways



THE inaugural Keepin it Real... Deadly Pathways day was held as a way to build bridges

for Koorie students into employment in manufacturing and technology, IT and business administration.

Participants from Northland Secondary College and Reservoir District Secondary College, in Victoria, first heard guest speakers Terry Shadforth, Dean Rioli, Mungara Brown, Rebecca Singleton and Matthew Weegberg.

There were morning workshops in electro-technology, engineering, furnishing, automotive, and IT/business administration.

After lunch, in the on-site café, there were sports activities, followed by more workshops in the afternoon.

The sponsors were DP World Melbourne, 370 Degrees Group, Dare to Lead, Northland Secondary College and the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union.

Terry Shadforth, Field Officer for Vitec Apprenticeships (a division of the 370 Degrees Group), set the scene with his address.

"After 32 years in the building and construction industry, I thought I'd dedicate my knowledge and experience to young Indigenous people who are serious enough to give life a chance," he said.

"Often with Aboriginal people, it's the perception of what people think of themselves personally and as a sub-set of society that is the major driver of their destiny."

"So, if Aboriginal people believe they are victims, they will be victims. But when they rejoice in their culture and they take pride in their place in society, they achieve."

"If you keep telling someone they are no good, eventually they will believe you. But if you constantly provide support and positive encouragement, guess what? You just may help make a great person."

"We don't have to give up our values, our traditional ways and our culture, but I think that we need to get into the mainstream. Opportunities are all around you. It's realising them that is the challenge. Nothing is impossible or unachievable if it is what you want."

"I'm a big believer in support, structure, discipline and rewards for deeds and works, not for sympathy and mollycoddling. We need leaders. Have a crack at life, put your best foot forward, and you can have a great career and a fantastic future."

Daniel Knott, Ntec Project Development Manager, said that the event, while successful, was just the beginning.

"With the support of our sponsors, we will hold another of these events in the evening next year to attract families along," he said.

"There was a lot of great engagement and participation in the workshops. Students got an idea of the sort of work and further study potential involved in apprenticeships and traineeships in these industry sectors which, with the right support, could become future career paths for them."



● LEFT: Deadly Pathways students and a teacher working on a motor.



● BELOW: Deadly Pathways' Terry Shadforth, Melissa Kalemis and Daniel Knott.

## Aboriginal architecture featured in book



A BOOK that makes 'a pivotal contribution to the appreciation of the nation's rich and diverse Aboriginal heritage' has won the 2008 Stanner Award.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies' (AIATSIS) Chairperson Professor Mick Dodson praised Australian architect and anthropologist Professor Paul Memmott for his contribution to Aboriginal architecture with his book *Gunyah, Goondie & Wurley*:

*The Aboriginal Architecture of Australia.*

"Gunyah, Goondie & Wurley is a richly-illustrated and well-designed study that advances the world's knowledge of Aboriginal architecture," Professor Dodson said.

He also described the book as a well-researched and authoritative resource.

"Recognising that the Aboriginal architectural tradition is yet to be fully understood or appreciated by the general public or by scholars. This book promotes wider awareness and understanding of this

field of Aboriginal knowledge and I encourage Australian architects and designers to take on this knowledge and see where it leads."

The book, published by University of Queensland Press, represents more than 30 years of research by Professor Memmott, and contains more than 200 historical photographs, paintings and drawings.

It presents the architectural forms, materials and construction techniques of Aboriginal architects over a period of

different times and locations in Australian history.

The book explores many diverse topics, including traditional camps, the relation of shelter study to anthropology, town camps or fringe camps that emerged after colonisation and how architects have and could apply traditional cultural ideas in design.

The Stanner Award is awarded each year by AIATSIS to the best scholarly, published contribution to Australian Indigenous studies.



# Yirra Yaakin theatre loses top producer

SAM COOK



By WA Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Executive Producer of Nyoongar theatre group Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation, Sam Cook, has resigned after the company failed to secure ongoing triennial funding from the Australia Council for the

Arts. Ms Cook said she resigned for personal reasons and will move to Melbourne where she hopes to get involved in theatre at an artistic level, and pursue some of her personal goals, including ongoing issues around Indigenous funding programs.

The loss of \$260,000 a year from the Australia Council meant that two permanent positions at the theatre company would be lost, putting a strain on the six permanent and three casual positions currently in place.

Ms Cook said that although the loss of such core funding would present enormous challenges to the organisation, it could also prove to be the start of a new direction which could ultimately benefit Yirra Yaakin in the long term.

"The company has taken a bit of a hit in terms of triennial funding lost from the Australia Council and I guess I saw this as the best way forward, and in January I've been here for eight years and so I thought it was time I moved on," she said.

"Some of the comments that came in the feedback from the Australia Council were really in terms of the artistic side of things, and that's a key role that I played in the company, so there needs to be a change of artistic vision."

## 'Bigger than Ben Hur'

"The role of executive producer became bigger than Ben Hur because it was about coming up with the artistic, creative, project-driven agenda and then finding the funds and doing the lobbying and it became a half-dozen jobs rolled into one and at some point that becomes unsustainable."

"I think Yirra Yaakin has great potential and sometimes it takes an issue like the loss of the Australia Council funding for the company to really look at itself at a greater level and be ultimately responsible for

addressing whatever the concerns are and moving forward."

Ms Cook said she was looking forward to new challenges in Melbourne in a new environment.

"I'm moving to Melbourne to look at what's possible in a new environment where the arts are celebrated and where people are embraced and their potential is pushed forward and that sort of stimulating environment was part of the attraction," she said.

"I'm looking forward to being able to express myself as an artist because I've put that on hold for a long time and Melbourne is a definite fit for that."

Ms Cook said she would also have the freedom to pursue some of the big-picture items on her agenda, such as how Indigenous programs and organisations are funded.

"I've been passionate about the big issues and this, in a way, frees me up to pursue some of those. And I've made a personal pledge to do a few things and one of them is to do away with the confirmation of Aboriginality when people apply for jobs."

"It's a big feat because we're up against government and the systemic racism that still exists in that area, and a lot of the mechanisms put in place during the Howard era still exist."

"They set our community up to fail because they're used against people in obtaining funds, for example, and if someone who is not Aboriginal is making an application for funds that are clearly delineated for an Aboriginal program, then that's an act of fraud."

Yirra Yaakin Chairman Clem Rodney said Ms Cook had been an extremely valuable part of the company and he thanked her for her commitment.

"I would like to congratulate Sam on her achievements over the last eight years which have assisted to position Yirra Yaakin as a significant and important Aboriginal arts leader locally, nationally and internationally," he said.

"On behalf of myself, the Board and the staff, we would like to wish Sam and family all the best for the future."

Ms Cook is contracted to Yirra Yaakin until the end of March.

# Tandanya to feature Tiwi Islands artists



ART from the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin, is coming to Tandanya. The Adelaide-based National Aboriginal Cultural

Institute will host two exhibitions – *Ochre Imprints*, presented by Jilamara Arts and Crafts, Tiwi Design and Munupi Arts; and *Mamana Mamanta – Gradual Friendship*, by Luna Ryan and Jock Puautijimi, starting next month.

*Ochre Imprints* showcases the Tiwi Islanders' art of body painting (jilamara) for ceremonial purposes translated into a variety of mediums such as painting, carving, ceramics and printed fabrics.

*Mamana Mamanta – Gradual Friendship* is an exhibition of unique and beautiful glass works by Jock Puautijimi and Luna Ryan, who continue to break new ground in terms of incorporating glass into Australian Indigenous art.

*Ochre Imprints* showcases the work from the three art centres on the Tiwi Islands –



Artworks by Jock Puautijimi and Luna Ryan. Both will feature at Tandanya in Adelaide.

Munupi Arts and Crafts, Tiwi Design and Jilamara Arts and Crafts.

The exhibition includes work by prolific and emerging artists, demonstrating the diverse talent evident on the Tiwi Islands.

Artists in this exhibition include Jean Baptiste Apuatimi and her daughter Maria Josette Orsto, Margaret Renee Kerinaula, Ita Tipungwuti, Roslyn Orsto, John Patrick Kelantumama, Susan Wanji Wanji, Nina Puruntatameri, Pedro Wonaemirri, Kenny Brown, Linus Warlapinni, Janice Murray and Timothy Cook.

*Mamana Mamanta – Gradual Friendship* is an exhibition of glass sculptures by Canberra-based glass artist Luna Ryan, and Tiwi artist Jock Puautijimi. Their initial collaborations were received with enthusiasm, prompting the artists to develop their abilities further and bring new techniques into their practices.

The works in *Mamana Mamanta* continue to break new ground in terms of incorporating glass into Australian Indigenous art and at the same time highlighting an important story about artistic and cross-cultural collaboration.

The project continues the long history of sharing ideas and working together that exists both in the field of studio glass and Indigenous communities. It's hailed as a sharing of the wonders of the glass medium and the ability to build friendships through arts.

*Ochre Imprints* and *Mamana Mamanta* are part of the 2009 Adelaide Fringe, and will be opened on 9 January.



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# Simultaneous Cairns gallery launch a double celebration

BY CHRISTINE HOWES



IT'S not unusual to have two exhibitions running together, but the recent simultaneous launch of two Indigenous art exhibitions in Cairns, north Queensland, made it a special occasion for all involved. More than 450 people turned out to see the exhibition *Blak Roots*, as well as the most recent ceramic work by renowned Cape York artist Thanakupi.

KickArts Galleries Director Rae O'Connell said the dual launch had been a long time in the planning.

"Thanakupi's exhibition we've been planning for over two years, and it's really a privilege to have her work here and in our program," she said.

"And the *Blak Roots* exhibition came from a very successful partnership we've had with the Wet Tropics Management Authority and James Cook University.

"The authority wanted to do something to celebrate 20 years of World Heritage Area listing by getting artists to actually reflect and celebrate that under a theme of the wet season."

Ms O'Connell said *Blak Roots* artworks had come from across north Queensland.

"We had over 60 artists submit something for the *Blak Roots* exhibition. We haven't been able to hang all of the work, but we have displayed the work of every artist," she said.

"They were invited because they all have connections to that country in some way, so it was looking for something that everyone can understand and relate to, and the wet season was that.

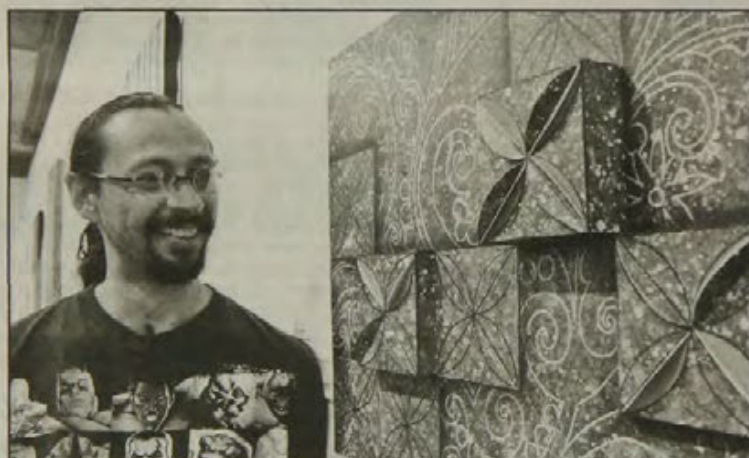
"Some of those representations are quite broad. We've got beautiful shell jewellery, baskets, weaving, painting, printing and sculpture – it's just a lovely mix of work."

Mona Mona-based basket-weaver Rhonda Brim said she had wanted to be a part of the exhibition.

"It (the World Heritage Area) means everything, plus being a Traditional Owner there's things our mob should treasure a lot," she said. "It's helping to keep our culture alive, from all the teaching. A lot of that is very important."



Old friends Thanakupi, left, and Evelyn Scott at the Cairns launch.



Torres Strait Islander Brian Robinson with his work *Urban Jungle*.

"We're the only people who hold the knowledge to important things like the basket-weaving. We own that knowledge and we should treasure it."

Cairns-based Torres Strait Islander artist Brian Robinson said it was important for local practising artists to have opportunities such as *Blak Roots*.

"It's fantastic that the Wet Tropics Authority have supported an exhibition of this magnitude because it touches on exactly what they're on about, which is preservation of the environment we live in," he said.

Authority Executive Director Andrew Maclean said the organisation had jumped at the opportunity, particularly given that local groups were now seeking cultural recognition and listing for the World Heritage Area.

"We often think about the natural values, it's ecology, vegetation or threatened species – we're looking at it through a prism of science," he said.

"I was surprised to learn there was some opposition 20 years ago within the Indigenous community to the listing."

"But when I thought about it and talked to some people about it, it amounted to another form of appropriation, another seizing of the landscape by Europeans and non-Indigenous people, and I can understand why they might have been anxious about that."

Mr Maclean said the authority had worked "really hard" to maintain Indigenous communities across the Queensland World Heritage Area.

"So what we do here is address two imbalances – we're looking at the heritage area through the eyes of art as well as science, and we're looking at it through Indigenous eyes instead of European eyes, and I think that's a really good story," he said.

*Blak Roots* runs in the Lower Galleries at KickArts until early February.

Meanwhile Thanakupi, a Thanaquith Elder from the Weipa region, was unlucky that the Napranum dancers scheduled to perform at her launch were delayed on Cape York due to storms.

But the opening itself went ahead, and Thanakupi said she was happy to be there.

"It's taken so long because I was not all that well, but I finally got it together because I had to – I don't give up easily," she said.

"This is an independent gallery so I put myself forward and had the exhibition."

Thanakupi's exhibition will be on show in the KickArts Upper Galleries until mid-February.

# Six share in prizes



SIX Indigenous artists will share in \$48,000 in prizes as the winners of the

2008 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards. And a total of 24 entries will be showcased to show the depth of artistic talent of the State's Indigenous artists, according to Arts Minister Lynne Kosky.

"Victoria boasts a rich and vibrant Indigenous arts sector which showcases traditional techniques as well as contemporary practices," the Minister said.

"The winning works display

many mediums, from weaving and painting to photography and stencil work. And the winning artists also range in experience from full-time students to widely recognised professionals from right across the State."

Wood Wood artist Marilynne Nicholls won the \$15,000 Deadly Art Award, with the judges describing her basket grass weave *Perception of Spirit from the Land* as an 'inspiration' that was 'stimulating to artists and non-artists alike'.

Ms Kosky said that as well as

cash prizes, some winners will also receive art supplies and professional development support.

"An important aim for the awards is to foster commercial opportunities for Indigenous artists

**'An important aim for the awards is to foster commercial opportunities for Indigenous artists in Victoria...'**

in Victoria and to develop a market for their work," she said.

The Koorie Heritage Trust Acquisition Award went to Reko Rennie-Gwaybilla. In addition to receiving support to stage his first

solo exhibition, his winning work *Big Red* will become a part of the collection at the Koorie Heritage Trust.

The National Gallery of Victoria will also acquire a winning work with Gayle Maddigan's *Memory Lines of Distant Wailing* winning the NGV Acquisitive Prize.

Jonathan Harradine was awarded the Boscia Galleries Award for Photography. The Mildura artist will now be represented by the gallery and will receive support to stage a solo exhibition.

Morwell's Ronald Edwards won the Lin Onus Award for *Borun and Tuck*, while Jennifer Mullet, of Bairnsdale, received the Victorian Cultural Heritage Award for her interpretation of the Kurnai story *The Talking Dog Legend*.

The 2008 judging panel was Indigenous curator Lorraine Coutts, Indigenous artist Kevin Williams and freelance curator Zara Stanhope.

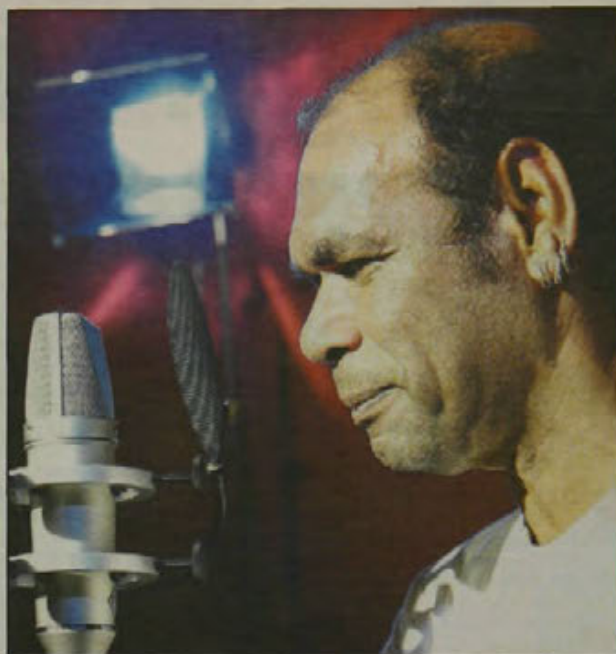
All winning and shortlisted works from the Awards feature in a free public exhibition at Boscia Galleries, Level 4, 175 Flinders Lane Melbourne.

For more information visit: [www.bosciagalleries.com.au](http://www.bosciagalleries.com.au)





Frances Loriente enjoying the special performance by Bart Willoughby.



Joe Geia ... "Performers are speaking out on issues."

# Melbourne gets kool and deadly

By KHI-LEE THORPE  
Photos by JAMES HENRY



MELBOURNE'S Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music community is stronger than ever. To shine a spotlight on that talent, Melbourne community radio station 3KND (Kool 'n' Deadly) held its second annual Indigenous Music Week from 1-5 December. It aimed to recognise the contribution made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians and songwriters to the Australian music industry.

Performing live to air during the week were Melbourne residents Joe Geia, Deline Briscoe, Richard Frankland, Bart Willoughby and Monica Weightman.

The station's Preston studios were converted into a lounge room setting, with residents invited to pull up a couch and enjoy live performances and interviews.

Acclaimed composer, guitarist, singer and didgeridoo player Joe Geia believes musicians play an important role in the Aboriginal



New Melbourne resident Deline Briscoe performs one of her solo songs.

struggle. "Our performers are making a home as the voice of the people, giving views and speaking out on Aboriginal issues," he said.

"The live-to-air performances gave me the chance to talk about the

meaning of my song lyrics and to explain issues that we face as Aboriginal people of today."

Special programming throughout the week also included 'Classic and Black', looking at significant Indigenous albums, as well as rare recordings and programs featuring the work of Indigenous women, emerging artists, country legends and Victorian performers.

3KND Special Projects Manager Jay Estorninho believes it is vital that Indigenous and non-Indigenous community media organisations embrace and support Indigenous artists.

"3KND is committed to supporting Indigenous artists from around Australia in any way we can. The public needs to know that there are heaps of talented Indigenous musicians out there creating great music," he said.

"This is the second time we have had this event and we're hoping it will become a permanent part of the 3KND landscape and one that will grow with each year.

"Next year we're planning to do some outside broadcasts from community organisations."



Monica Weightman sings her song *Livin It Up* at 3KND studios in Melbourne.



Veteran performer Richard Frankland.



# Gadigal's making waves



Indigenous Country singer Adam James



LOVERS of contemporary Indigenous music have an early Christmas present, with the debut

release of Gadigal Music's *Making Waves* album, a compilation of works by Indigenous singer-songwriters.

In partnership with ABC Music, the new album promises to mark a new chapter in the Australian Indigenous music industry. The compilation includes a line-up of 11 Indigenous artists including Glenn Skuthorpe, whose music has been described as a blend of country, folk and roots.

Leah Flanagan, who hails from Darwin and is known for her 'intense' guitar playing, has two songs on the mix.

Radical Son, with his hip-hop roots, and country crooner Dan Sultan give two different yet distinctive styles to the compilation.

Sharon Lane features two of her country/rock ballads, and there's work by country singer Adam James.

Australian *Idol* 2004 winner Casey Donovan, who was the youngest and first Australian female *Idol* winner, features some of her latest work, along with

Shamee Fenwick with her two songs, *Kiss That Boy* and *Bargained For*.

Sydney-based Krista Pav, one of the newcomers to the contemporary Indigenous music scene, imbues social observation into her lyrics, with community issues and cultural heritage also strong features of her work.

Koori Mail readers might be familiar with L J Hill, whose second album *Namoi Mud* was featured in a recent story. L J's track, *Pretty Bird Tree*, comes from his current album.

## Roots

Dewayne Everettsmith, whose musical roots come from the communities of southern Tasmania, Victoria and Cape Barren Island, adds one of his songs, *You Know It*, to the list.

Gadigal Music was developed by Indigenous music professionals for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander singers, musicians, writers, producers and sound engineers to reach as wide an audience as possible.

Gadigal Music officials said the debut compilation album was the first of what they hoped would be many more collaborative releases of Indigenous music across a range of genres.



2004 Australian Idol winner Casey Donovan

# Down to business

## Bancroft offers valuable advice

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ABORIGINAL artist Bronwyn Bancroft returned to her Bundjalung country (northern NSW)

recently to present three 'business of art' workshops.

The goal was to equip Indigenous artists with practical information on how to market their work and to share insights into the art world.

The workshops were held at the Minjungbal Cultural Centre in Tweed Heads, Jambama Art Centre, Casino and the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Local Aboriginal artists at the free workshops, organised by Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous Arts Development Officer Frances Belle Parker, discussed everything from mentoring, copyright and taxation to the dreams and problems of artists.

Speaking at Casino, Bancroft said having practical knowledge was important in being able to successfully market artwork.

"If you dream it, it will happen, but it also requires hard work and dedication", she told local artists.

Hard work and dedication is something Bancroft knows a little about. She is a long-time artist and designer, a mother-of-three, and is now undertaking a doctorate through the University of Western Sydney.

In 1985 she set up her company Designer Aboriginals. It produces paintings, hand-printed fabrics, illustrations for children's books as well as reproduction rights for publishing and the printing of work.

Bancroft, who grew up in Tenterfield, northern NSW, and is a descendant of the Bundjalung people, said returning to country to present the workshops was also about 'talking up' the Aboriginal artists of NSW, who she said continued to suffer from a lack of recognition for their work.

"Every Aboriginal person is real, and their history is central and their creativity should be recognised," she said.

Frances Belle Parker said the



Jambama Art Centre Co-ordinator Raylene Shang, Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft (centre) and Indigenous Arts Development Officer Frances Belle Parker at the 'Business of Art' workshop in Casino, northern New South Wales.

workshops had been a great way of introducing Indigenous artists from the region to professional development opportunities.

"Bronwyn's knowledge and skills have helped to boost the esteem of our artists and give them something to strive for in

their careers," she said.

For more information on upcoming events in the region, go to [www.artsnorthernrivers.com](http://www.artsnorthernrivers.com)





# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



# Work is a cut above



Michael Billy and Gloria Standen on Palm Island with the mobile hairdressing salon.

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



YORKE Islander Michael Billy has completed a four-year apprenticeship as a hairdresser after travelling to some of the most remote communities in far north Queensland.

Mr Billy has learnt his trade at places including Napranum, Weipa, Old Mapoon, New Mapoon, Hopevale, Kowanyama, Coen, Lockhart River and Bamaga.

He has travelled with hairdresser Gloria Standen and her husband Don, whose Salon NQ and Mobile Hairdressing Training Circuit is set up in the back of a light truck.

The truck, which Don fitted out, has travelled 30,000km over some of the roughest roads in Australia.

Many people get a surprise to see such a modern salon at such isolated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with the team at Palm Island.

"We get to many of the Cape York places in

the dry season. Michael has done a great job with us and he really enjoys what he does," Ms Standen said.

Mr Billy, who also has family on St Paul's Island in the Torres Strait, took *The Koori Mail* for an inspection of the truck, which is fitted out like any modern hairdressing salon.

"It is very comfortable in here and we have all the tools," he said.

Mr Billy said people using the hairdressing service in isolated communities felt they were in a large city salon.

### 'Look beautiful'

"Women in the communities who get their hair done by us have improved self-esteem and they look beautiful," he said.

Gloria Standen said the service also trained other young Indigenous people.

The Standens also visit Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, but have to leave their truck on the mainland.

"I really like catching up with Torres Strait Islander people in my travels, and we do a valuable service for people in these communities," said Mr Billy.



Michael Billy cuts the hair of Tim Miller in the mobile salon under the watchful eye of Gloria Standen.

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This study has been funded by the NHMRC and endorsed by the AHMRC, University of NSW, La Perouse Aboriginal Community Health workers and the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council. The present stage of the research is to identify a potential sample of representative Aboriginal people aged 45 and over within the La Perouse, Randwick, Botany community who may consent to participate in the research and reside in the Local Government Areas (LGA). Field interviews will commence in the first quarter of 2009.

**Position Description:** The estimated timeframe for the preliminary phase research assistance is between December 2008 to March 2009, 20-40 hrs in total. The duration and timing of this role is negotiable; however the final sample to obtain a Study List will be completed by early 2009.

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**Key Responsibilities:** Liaising with the research team and community organisations to identify and collate local lists and contact details of Aboriginal people aged 45 years and over in the Randwick and Botany local government areas.

**Training will be provided as required.**

#### Skills:

- Good local knowledge of Aboriginal organisations and key community members and representatives.
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Applicants must also complete a Certificate III in Customer Contact as part of the apprenticeship.

A six-month probationary period will apply and applicants must undergo a medical clearance and criminal history record check.

These employment opportunities have been identified as open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians within the meaning of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 as per clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

#### INFORMATION EVENING

If you would like to know more about our Call Centre and the positions available, Port Macquarie Call Centre are having an information evening on Monday 15th December at 27 Grant Street, Port Macquarie between 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

For more information regarding this information evening or about the positions, please ring Angela Johnson on (02) 6586 5273 weekdays between Tuesday 9th December 2008 and Wednesday the 31st December 2008 during the business hours of 10am to 3pm

#### To Apply:

Please ring Angela Johnson on 02 65865273 during the business hours of 10am to 3pm for an initial phone interview.

**Applications close 3pm Wednesday 31st December 2008**

*Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.*

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## Mental Health

**Health Worker Generalist (Indigenous Mental Health Worker)** – Charters Towers Rehabilitation Unit, Rural Integrated Mental Health Service, Institute of Rural Health, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$47 535 p.a., comprising salary between \$39 173 – \$41 662 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A07) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08TV11798. **Duties/Abilities:** Participate in collaborative practice activities which facilitate effective, efficient and equitable health improvement services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, consistent with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program's core business activities. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Enquiries:** Christine Sleight (07) 4787 5200. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6775 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Monday, 12 January 2009.

## Corporate Support Services

**Principal Policy Officer – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Brisbane, Policy, Planning and Resourcing Division.** Salary between \$79 578 – \$85 322 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A07) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08HL1260. **Duties/Abilities:** Contribute to the provision of leadership and direction to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit and Queensland Health by: developing relevant policies; providing advice; and leading the improvement of Indigenous health status across Queensland. **Enquiries:** Dawn Schofield (07) 3895 3216. **Application Kit:** (07) 3234 1319 (Info-line) or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Monday, 5 January 2009.

You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.  
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**WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**  
CO-OPERATIVE LTD A.B.N. 780 1499 0451.  
37 Pitt St (P.O. Box 396), WALGETT NSW 2832  
Phone: (02) 6828 1611, 6828 1798  
Fax: (02) 68281201  
Email: [walgettams@bigpond.com](mailto:walgettams@bigpond.com)

## ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER PUBLIC HEALTH

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service is currently seeking to employ an enthusiastic Aboriginal Health Worker to conduct Community Educational Programs in Walgett and Collarenebri.

This wonderful opportunity includes assistance with accommodation and a comprehensive induction process that will include a 2 week orientation period to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and surrounding communities. Ability to take up to \$15,000 of Salary as a Tax free Fringe benefit. Wage in accordance to experience and qualifications

### Summary of Duties:

- Assess community needs, resources available and set priorities
- Plan, implement and evaluate Public Health programs in all levels of public and private educational institutions
- Plan, implement and evaluate Public Health programs which are designed to meet the needs of the community - e.g. Diabetes, Heart Health, Nutrition, Immunisations, Environmental.
- Support WAMS Programs as required
- Maintain accurate and current documentation of matters concerning clients and WAMS

## REGISTERED NURSE SEXUAL HEALTH

Are you a Registered Nurse with experience in Sexual Health and looking for a change in lifestyle? Then come and join the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service is currently seeking an enthusiastic Registered Nurse to work in partnership with The Aboriginal Health Workers to deliver a holistic Sexual Health Program to community of Walgett and surrounding communities.

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Ability to take up to \$15,000-00 of Salary as a Tax free Fringe benefit. Wage in accordance to experience and qualifications.

For more information and to obtain a copy of the Job Description please contact Mr. Richard Simpson (Acting Practice Manager Program Team) on 02 6828 1611 or email [walgettams@bigpond.com](mailto:walgettams@bigpond.com)

**Closing Date:** 9 January 2009

All applications in writing can be addressed to  
Chairperson  
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd.  
P.O. Box 396 Walgett NSW 2832

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## Wurli Wurlijang HEALTH SERVICE

Wurli Wurlijang is a community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service located in Katherine, in the Top End of the Northern Territory. Katherine is a major regional centre, with excellent facilities including a hospital with visiting specialists, and is within a few hours' drive of many outback National Parks, including Katherine Gorge, Gregory, Kakadu, and Litchfield.

Wurli Wurlijang is seeking applications for the following position:

## Trainee Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor

The Organisation is seeking persons interested in commencing a career as Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor. Trainees are required to study the Diploma in Primary Health Care (Social and Emotional Wellbeing) through our preferred training provider over a period of 12 months. You will also receive practical experience in order to gain counselling skills and knowledge to become a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor. The position requires you to travel and spend time away from home whilst attending the registered training organisation.

An attractive salary will be offered to the successful applicants. Salary sacrifice arrangements and generous leave entitlements are also available.

For further information, contact the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor, Jane Blunden, on phone 08 8971 2716 or [jane.blunden@wurli.org.au](mailto:jane.blunden@wurli.org.au)

Those interested in this position are encouraged to contact Cynthia Woods on phone 08 8971 1156 or [cynthia.woods@wurli.org.au](mailto:cynthia.woods@wurli.org.au) to obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria.

This is a position identified as being suited to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, and for this reason, they are encouraged to apply.

**Applications close 4.00pm Friday 9 January 2009.**

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The department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

## LEADER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Principal Education Officer (ETS), Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 147313. Total remuneration package valued to: \$124,586 p.a. (\$112,901) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Managing and supporting the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs for Aboriginal students in NSW Government schools.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Teaching experience and demonstrated successful application of Aboriginal educational programs and initiatives designated to progress Aboriginal student performance. Demonstrated high level knowledge and understanding of Government policy, both at a commonwealth and state level in regards to initiatives and current directions in Aboriginal education and training including quality teaching for Aboriginal students. Demonstrated executive leadership skills including excellent interpersonal, organisational, problem solving skills and a demonstrated ability to manage and lead a team in a high volume working environment. Demonstrated high level skills in strategic policy analysis, advice and research with the ability to collaborate with key stakeholders including Aboriginal communities, other Government departments, school and regional personnel. High level written and oral communication skills with experience in preparing, analysing and editing submissions, complex briefings, reports, memos and other forms of correspondence. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education and training policies. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.

**Notes:** Permanent appointment. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**Inquiries:** Michele Hall (02) 9244 5316 Email: [michele.hall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michele.hall@det.nsw.edu.au) Information Packages: Jason Ella (02) 9266 8012.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Michele Hall, Director Aboriginal Education and Training, Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

**Closing Date:** Friday 02 January 2009



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### TAFE TEACHER COMMUNITY SERVICES (KOORI)

- Great CBD location
- Delivery of emerging new Indigenous programs
- \$62,788 + 9% super

This role will involve working in new and existing partnership programs with Victorian Indigenous communities. Your previous, successful work with planning and conducting training workshops will be highly regarded.

Essential to your application will be your extensive knowledge and understanding of the Community Services Sector and experience in the delivery of flexible VET training and assessment. You will demonstrate a high level of planning and organisational skills as well as the ability to form and maintain relationships.

This is a fixed term position till 31 December 2009.

As part of a team, you will be responsible for:

- Assisting the School in the development and delivery of training to Indigenous students
- Negotiating training and recognition of competence options with communities
- Developing and implementing training resources
- Evaluating and continuously improving Indigenous training programs

Community Service related qualifications and a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training is preferred.

RMIT is committed to engaging and advancing Indigenous communities to address issues of Indigenous concern and sensitivity.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged.

### HOW TO APPLY

For further information please contact Julian Silverman on +61 3 9825 4578, quoting reference # 461961, or to apply please visit the website listed below.

Applications close 12 January 2009.

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**APS 3 | \$46,026–\$48,640 | Ref no: TR2554**

**APS 4 | \$51,745–\$54,683 | Ref no: TR2556**

The DEEWR Northern Territory State Office is seeking enthusiastic and innovative people to join the department and contribute to various areas including Indigenous Employment Programs, Employment Services Programs, Education and Training Programs in the Northern Territory.

The successful applicants will work as part of various teams within the NT State Office and have a knowledge of government service delivery and policy; an ability to build partnerships between government agencies, external organisations and local communities.

**Note:** Please specify preference for location i.e. Darwin or Alice Springs

**Contact Officer:** Doreen Walsh (08) 8936 5017

### How to Apply

**Applications close: 25 December 2008**

Position descriptions and applicant kits including eligibility information, are available on our website at [www.deewr.gov.au/jobs](http://www.deewr.gov.au/jobs)



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## Nurse Educator Indigenous Health



The Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) is an innovative and highly structured approach to nurse home visiting services focussing on child and maternal health in indigenous settings. JTA, on behalf of the ANFPP, is seeking an experienced Nurse Educator to provide key support to the Program sites from our office in Brisbane, with substantial travel to the Program sites. This will include the provision of training and professional support for Nurse Supervisors implementing the ANFPP, as well as monitoring the fidelity of activities to the program model.

The successful candidate will have: relevant nursing experience and qualifications (and eligibility for accreditation in all Australian jurisdictions); experience in the management of teams providing community, public health, home visiting, mental or behavioural nursing services; and experience working in indigenous health settings.

To submit an application please visit the 'Opportunities' page of our website: [www.jtai.com.au](http://www.jtai.com.au).

For queries please contact:

Kelly Thistleton (HR Administrator)

E: [kelly.thistleton@jtai.com.au](mailto:kelly.thistleton@jtai.com.au)

Ph: +61 7 3114 4613, Fax: +61 7 3114 4661

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4.00PM AEST  
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### General Practice Position

An exciting General Practice position is available within the South West Aboriginal Medical Service located at Bunbury WA in the spectacular South West of Western Australia.

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking a skilled and highly motivated team player to lead a flexible and innovative primary health care program in the region. SWAMS is fully computerised & AGPAL accredited.

The GP will work within the SWAMS team to achieve key Primary Health Care goals and provide an appropriate mix of health services to the Indigenous and non Indigenous population.

The successful applicant will work with a broad PHC team including experienced nurses and talented Aboriginal Health Workers. This core clinical team is supported by a range of allied health services such as drug & alcohol services, family violence services, health education and other social health programs.

Applicants should possess relevant medical qualifications, highly developed interpersonal skills, a commitment to culturally appropriate holistic primary health care, and an appreciation of community development principles.

An attractive package will be negotiated for the position including 6 weeks annual leave, relocation costs, comprehensive orientation and training, and rental assistance.

Any further queries about this position, please contact Quentin Jackson on (08) 9791 7666, Health Services Manager.

An application package can be obtained by telephoning Michelle Munns on 9791 1166 or e-mail on [michelle@admin.swams.com.au](mailto:michelle@admin.swams.com.au)

Written applications addressing the Selection Criteria should be forwarded to SWAMSAC Attn: Michelle Munns, marked Confidential, PO Box 1444, Bunbury WA 6231; or can be emailed to the above e-mail address.

Applications must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 31st December 2008.



## KOORI COURT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2080

Ongoing \$50,175 - \$60,922

Koori Court Division of the  
Magistrates Court  
Bairnsdale

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Courts currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley, Bairnsdale and Swan Hill Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's judicial system. The person will be based in Bairnsdale.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application No A289/2008). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) or contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 96039415.

Applications close on 2 January 2009



## Indigenous Counsellors

Kids Helpline/Parentline  
Full time & Part time positions  
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Additional training provided

We are seeking expressions of interest from applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to work with a nationally recognised leader in the provision of telephone and online counselling services to enable young people, especially those who are marginalised and without voice, to improve their quality of life.

Successful applicants will have:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications
- Experience in counselling
- Demonstrated interest in the wellbeing of children, young people and families
- A commitment to counselling frameworks of child centred practice and empowerment, as well as advocacy for the rights of children and young people.

Applications will close on the 19th of January 2009 and successful applicants will proceed through to our Information Session and interview.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about what BoysTown can offer to further your career aspirations. To contact our HR Team please call (07) 3867 1202 or (07) 3867 1340.

To apply to be a Kids Helpline Counsellor, please go to [www.boysntown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boysntown.com.au/vacancies) - Further information about Kids Helpline can be obtained from [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

Why become a Counsellor for Kids Helpline?

- You will be part of a growing, national organisation and will be working with a team from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines.
- You will be working in a friendly and supportive environment where people and performance are valued.
- You will have access to internal and external training and development opportunities to enhance your skills, knowledge and experience.
- We offer attractive employment conditions including access to salary sacrifice arrangements.
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## Caulfield General Medical Centre

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### Project Worker, Strengthening Aboriginal Respite

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre  
Southern Region

Full time - negotiable (to June 2009).

The successful applicant must have an understanding of and affinity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and be experienced in project work with ATSI community. Experience in group consultation and ability to work with others to develop culturally relevant service models is required.

Enquiries: Anita Milicevic on Tel 03 9076 6838

For more information and to apply online  
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## Deputy Director (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM9395/08

**Key Duties:** To assist in leading and managing the operations and services of the Youth Detention Centre in an efficient and effective manner in order to achieve stated outcomes in accordance with youth justice philosophy, relevant legislation, procedures, standards and the department's strategic plan. To undertake all relevant responsibilities and functions as part of the senior management team.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 12 January 2009

## Manager (Specified)

Indigenous Government Coordination

(Temporary full time until 31 December 2011).

Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Premier and Cabinet

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/PR7888/08

**Key Duties:** Provide high quality strategic advice and support relating to discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities to the Executive Director, manage and monitor special projects of a complex, sensitive and contentious nature and prepare, analyse, critique and quality assure complex documentation.

**Skills and Abilities:** Analyse, interpret and solve difficult problems, engaging team and management input to produce accurate and timely solutions.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail: [jobvac.dpc@esa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.dpc@esa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 5 January 2009

## Principal Project Officer (Specified)

Indigenous Government Coordination

(Temporary full time until 31 December 2011).

Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Premier and Cabinet

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/PR7889/08

**Key Duties:** Provide strategic and timely advice and support relating to discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities to the Executive Director, Indigenous Government Coordination, on a range of complex policy and service delivery issues affecting remote Indigenous communities.

**Skills and Abilities:** Build constructive and effective relationships with clients and peers. Analyse, interpret and solve difficult problems.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail: [jobvac.dpc@esa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.dpc@esa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 5 January 2009

## Project Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Logan

REF: QLD/COM9400/08

**Key Duties:** Participate in engagement and development partnerships that contribute to planning, development implementation, monitoring and review of projects for outcome focussed programs.

**Skills and Abilities:** Provide advice through briefings, project plans, reports and correspondence in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 12 January 2009

## Child Safety Support Officer (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Financial incentives apply - Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$54 514 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Cooktown

REF: QLD/CHS9349/08

**Key Duties:** To provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices. Provide appropriate advice to departmental staff to enhance service delivery.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 12 January 2009

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The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is seeking to appoint three Lecturer Level B's, two of which will be 'Identified' for Indigenous positions, as follows:

**LECTURER, BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
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Ref 187/08

3 Year Fixed Term Contract

**LECTURER (INDIGENOUS), BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (PRIMARY) (AREP/METRO)**

Ref 188/08

Ongoing Position

**LECTURER (INDIGENOUS), ACCESS AND  
LEARNING SUPPORT**

Ref 189/08

Ongoing Position

The successful Indigenous applicants will contribute Indigenous perspectives to the teaching of education units in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Indigenous studies. The Bachelor of Education (Primary) is an Aboriginal Rural Education Program (AREP) and is delivered to Australian Indigenous students in an away-from-base block mode.

The appointees to the AREP positions and the Access and Learning Support position will be expected to work closely with academic and administrative staff in Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, across the university and with external professionals and organisations in implementing the existing program. Additionally, the appointees will be involved with developing, implementing and evaluating new initiatives, such as courses and units and support for Indigenous students with respect to the delivery of education for Indigenous students in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and other courses as may be appropriate to their qualifications and experience.

Qualifications generic to the two AREP positions include an undergraduate degree in education or equivalent relevant area of the social sciences, preferably with a Masters Qualification, or experience at a level commensurate with postgraduate studies. The AREP positions report to the Course Advisor/Senior Lecturer for Bachelor of Education (Primary) (AREP/METRO).

The Badanami Centre also provides academic learning support to Indigenous students enrolled in UWS courses. The qualification relevant to the Access and Learning Support position is an undergraduate degree in education or the social sciences, preferably with a Masters Qualification, or experience at a level commensurate with postgraduate studies. The position reports to the Coordinator, Access and Learning Support, Badanami Centre.

**Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$85,336 to \$100,698 p.a. (comprising Salary, 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)**

**Position Enquiries:** Associate Professor Berice Anning, (02) 4736 0665 or email b.anning@uws.edu.au

**Closing Date:** 30 January 2009

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## Language Services Manager

Department of Local Government and Housing

Administrative Officer 7 (\$76 861 - \$79 608)

Interpreting and Translating Service NT - Darwin

Temporary vacancy to 08/09/2009

The Interpreting and Translating Service NT is seeking a suitable person to provide strategic direction and overall management for the delivery of an interpreting and translating service in migrant and refugee languages throughout the Northern Territory.

The suitable person must have:

- sound managerial, supervisory and organisational skills, including effective management of resources;
- the ability to provide high level strategic advice on the provision of interpreting and translating services in the Northern Territory to executive management, Government and clients;
- the ability to develop and implement relevant policies and strategies relating to the Work Unit;
- extensive knowledge of issues relating to the interpreting and translating profession, including accreditation and recognition standards and procedures;
- highly developed oral and written communication skills, including public speaking and presentation skills; and
- the ability to work and communicate successfully with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and staff at various levels within community organisations and Government.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 2950

Closing date: 26 December 2008

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# Indigenous Traineeship Program



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We are currently offering a twelve month traineeship through an accredited training facility in Business, which is designed to develop your skills and competencies. You will be working together in small teams and will learn how to identify business opportunities in the wider regional community. Dealing with internal and external providers, you will learn how to resolve customer issues. You will respond to customer sales queries and orders, ensure that sales reporting data, records and documentation are accurate, and provide administrative and issues management support to the team.

We are looking for people with a determination to succeed, and a commitment to learning and on the job training. You will be a team player and will have a flexible approach to getting things done.

For further information about the traineeships, please contact your local AES office on the numbers below. Applications for all positions close on Friday 30th January 2009.

Darwin	Townsville	Orange	Bunbury
AES Alice Springs Office	AES Townsville Office	AES Dubbo Office	AES Perth Office
Ph: (08) 8950 2300	Ph: (07) 4771 5951	Ph: (02) 6882 8100	Ph: (08) 9221 5222

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## Department of Local Government and Housing

# Remote Housing Development Coordinators

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Tennant Creek

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Alice Springs

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Quote vacancy number: 280363

We are looking for highly motivated and enthusiastic people, with strong leadership, communication, management and organisational skills, who will enjoy a challenge.

As a Remote Housing Development Coordinator you will manage a team of Remote Housing Development Officers to ensure efficient delivery of remote housing services. You will work hand in hand with local councils, community members and key regional stakeholders in implementing the "Remote Public Housing Management Framework" to achieve better housing and employment outcomes for Indigenous people.

# Remote Housing Development Officers

Administrative Officer 5 (\$60 285 - \$63 425)

Tennant Creek

Quote vacancy number: 29275

Alice Springs

6 permanent vacancies are available

Quote vacancy number: 280364

We are looking for highly motivated and enthusiastic people, with strong leadership, communication, management and organisational skills, who will enjoy a challenge.

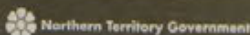
As a Remote Housing Development Officer you will provide a high level of housing service and support to community tenants including resolving community tenancy issues. You will assist in the implementation of the "Remote Public Housing Management Framework" to achieve better housing and employment outcomes for Indigenous people.

For specific information about the vacancies contact Mr Glen Satour, Regional Manager, Tennant Creek on (08) 8962 4605 or Mr Andrew Ross, Regional Manager, Alice Springs on (08) 8951 5379 and visit [www.nt.gov.au/DCIS](http://www.nt.gov.au/DCIS) or phone 1300 659 247 for a copy of the Job Description.

Closing date: 26 December 2008

### Contact us now

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**Kaiwun-AICCA**  
Aboriginal-Islander Childcare Agency  
Kaiwun Development Corporation Limited  
Aboriginal & Islander Child Care Agency (AICCA)

### Alternative Care Worker (Part Time - Identified Position)

Kaiwun AICCA is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Care Agency that works in conjunction with the Department of Child Safety to ensure appropriate policies & procedures practices. Kaiwun provided cultural appropriate services to Indigenous children, young people and their families in line with the Child Placement Principle, included in the Child Protection Act 1999. Kaiwun - AICCA is the recognized Indigenous Agency in relation to child protection matters and also provides an alternative care service for Indigenous clients for the Gold Coast Area Office's. The service recruits, trains and support a minimum of 15 Departmental approved general, relative and limited approved carers.

This position is part time (3 days) and is based on the Gold Coast.

Please contact 07 5520 8600 for all enquiries and selection criteria.

**Applications close Tuesday 23rd December, 2008**

*This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by S14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.*



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Centrelink is part of the Human Services Portfolio working with other Human Services Agencies to deliver Centrelink services to 6.5 million Australians. We employ people in a wide variety of challenging and interesting jobs around Australia. Merit based selections ensure we have a talented and diverse workforce with a broad range of skills and abilities. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

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## Indigenous Apprenticeship Program

**Centrelink Call Coffs Harbour**

**APS 2 (Centrelink 2)**

**\$38,965 - \$43,208**

Coffs Harbour

The Indigenous Apprenticeship Program is an opportunity for Indigenous Full-time trainees to work in the Centrelink's Network.

The Australian Indigenous Apprenticeship is a 12-18 months program where full-time Apprentices are being employed at Centrelink Call Coffs Harbour. Trainees work for Centrelink in the Call Centre and spend time at the Customer Service Centre to assist in the achievement of a Certificate III in Customer Contact. Trainees will be engaged as an ongoing APS 2 employee and upon the successful completion of the Program, including meeting performance requirements and a minimum of 12 months working with Centrelink, will advance to the APS 3 level. Trainees will learn to build and manage relationships with customers, advise Customers about Centrelink products and services and provide solutions to a variety of situations.

**As part of a busy team environment, trainees will:**

- provide excellent customer service to people from a diverse range of backgrounds
- develop skills to serve customers in challenging circumstances
- learn to make decisions based on policy and legislation
- communicate effectively with customers face-to-face, by phone and in writing
- assess customers and assist them with basic inquiries, and
- operate in computer-based environment and learn to use online research tools

**To be eligible for this Program, applicants must be Australian citizens and:**

- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
- be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community.

Applicants must also complete a Certificate III in Customer Contact as part of the apprenticeship.

A six-month probationary period will apply and applicants must undergo a medical clearance and criminal history record check.

These employment opportunities have been identified as open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians within the meaning of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* as per clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the *Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999*.

**To Apply**

To apply for the apprenticeship positions, Please ring to Kelly on (02) 6648 6008 weekdays between Monday 15th December 2008 and Tuesday 23rd December 2008 during the business hours of 9.30am to 1.00pm to register your interest.

**Applications close 1.00pm Tuesday 23rd December 2008**

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

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**For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) and click on Careers**



**Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE**

### REGISTERED NURSE

Western Region

Central West Area, Orange

Lisbon Circuit Orange Group Home

Permanent Full-Time & Part-Time

Various Positions

Position No: DADHC-08-17174

Total remuneration package valued up to \$68,244 per annum (Salary: \$44,035 pa - \$61,843 pa). Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$22.21 ph - \$31.19 ph

**Job Description:** Responsible for ensuring quality care and support to clients residing in a group home setting by implementing DADHC policy including the co-ordination of clinical services, provision of nursing interventions to clients with complex health care needs.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Current List A registration with NSW Nurses & Midwives Board.
- Proven ability to work in a team environment.
- Proven professional ability and commitment to provide quality client care and support.
- Proven interest in innovative service provision for people with an intellectual disability.
- Sound written and oral communication skills.
- Knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993.
- Ability to develop and implement Individual Plans for clients as required.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are 3 Permanent Full-Time (38 hpw) positions, 1 Part-Time (26 hpw) position and 1 Part-Time (28 hpw) position. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Manager Accommodation and Respite phone (02) 6363 8655.

#### Information Package:

[www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

**Closing date:** Friday 9 January 2009

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## Contact Centre Services Officers (Trainees)

**15 positions available**

**Temporary Full Time**

**for up to 12 months**

The RTA are seeking highly motivated applicants who will be responsible for providing a courteous and efficient telephone service for registration and licensing public inquiries and the delivery of quality, team based customer service for driver licensing and vehicle registration products and services. Criminal record checks apply.

The following positions are available:

- 13 positions position number 50095701
- 2 ATSI identified positions position number 50095600

These 15 positions are located at Newcastle with a salary range of \$16,332 to \$25,307 pa.

For more information about these positions, please contact Claire McKay at the RTA on (02) 4925 1802.

Applicants need to apply online via URL <https://www.onetest.com.au/rtanewcastle/ap20776/>

For technical support with Onetests application form please contact Onetests on 1300 137 937 between 8:30am and 9:30pm Monday - Friday and 10:30am - 4:30pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

**Applications close: 9 January 2009**

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The South West Catchments Council (SWCC) is a cooperative regional organisation which aims to identify and coordinate opportunities for achieving sustainable natural resource management (NRM) in the South West of Western Australia.

The Council brings together community leaders and local and state governments to address regional NRM priorities through community engagement and the development of partnerships with NRM investors.

SWCC is seeking skilled, enthusiastic and motivated individuals to fill the following position.

### Aboriginal NRM Coordinator

Salary \$58,728 - \$68,342

**Applications close 9am, Friday 16th January 2009.**

Contracts will be offered to June 30, 2009, with possibility of extension subject to ongoing funding and performance.

Position based in Bunbury WA

Selection Criteria and Job/Position Descriptions are available at [www.swccatchmentscouncil.com](http://www.swccatchmentscouncil.com) or by contacting Bill Bennell on (08) 9780 6164 or [blbennell@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:blbennell@agric.wa.gov.au)

## Human Resources Manager



Over the last 28 years, Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (DACS) have provided essential and culturally appropriate health and medical services to Aboriginal communities. Located in Kempsey, northern NSW, DACS is committed to making primary health care and education accessible to all members of the community so as to improve both the health status and wellbeing of the local community.

A rare and exciting opportunity has arisen for a Human Resources Manager to join the motivated and passionate team at DACS. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, this position is responsible for the operational management of all human resources activities and ensuring that human resource systems and practices support the functionality of the organisation. Developing and managing the HR strategy, providing operational HR services and advising all staff on HR practices.

The successful application will have a tertiary qualification in HR, as well as experience in a senior HR position. Knowledge of Human Resources and Industrial Relations Awards and programs, and experience in managing a functional team is a requirement for this position. Strong interpersonal skills, analysis and problem solving skills and the ability to work flexibly are essential as is a demonstrated understanding of the cultural context in which the organisation operates.

The successful candidates will require the ability to hold all relevant security clearances such as National Police Check and Working with Children clearance.

**Applications close** on Monday 5th January 2009 and should be sent to [jdclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:jdclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au)

**Durri ACMS aims to be an employer of choice for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.**  
*Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.*



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## HOUSING NSW TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Asset Operations

New England

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Tamworth

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-17391

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the technical standards, responsiveness and understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of and a commitment to OH&S standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Post trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Lawrence Tiller phone (02) 6764 5502 or mobile: 0401 147 768

#### Information Packages:

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6626 4100.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 January 2009

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## BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

### Academic B Coordinator – Business & Management

Position No.: TBA

3 year fixed term appointment commencing ASAP  
– Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

A tertiary qualification equivalent to four years of higher education in Business, Management, Administration, Human Resource Management or related discipline relevant to this position is required. This course coordination position is responsible to the Senior Lecturer (Dept of Business) for the development, delivery, assessment of Business & Management units (including moderation) and ongoing renewal of delivery methodology within the newly accredited Bachelor of Business program. Subject to specialisations, it may also require some work within the Graduate Diploma of Management and Administration. It requires the maintenance of student course records, other Institute administrative requirements and adherence to the Institute's and Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) national quality standards.

Liaison work with various industry professional bodies and community representative groups is required, with some work related travel being essential.

Applications close Friday 9 January 2009

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email [recruitment@batchelor.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@batchelor.edu.au)

*The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.*

*Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUQA report 2006). As such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.*

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas. HMAINT005576

### Business entrepreneur

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### PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation is a community controlled organisation addressing the health needs of the local Moree community. We are currently seeking applications for the following position.

### Clinical Practice Manager

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a suitably qualified health professional who is enthusiastic, experienced, motivated and innovative.

The Clinical Practice Manager would coordinate the clinical practice section of Pius to provide an effective primary health care service and will report to the CEO. Further information about the position is outlined in the position description.

To apply for the position applicants are required to address the criteria and submit this with a resume.

For position description and further information please contact Mrs Kim Connors on 02 6752 1099 or email [admin@piusx.com.au](mailto:admin@piusx.com.au)

A generous salary and the option of salary package are features of this position.

Applications close 5pm Tuesday 23rd December 2008.



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We are a successful world-class university that demonstrates excellence in teaching and research. We undertake research that makes an impact on the world. As an organisation we aim to grow and prosper in a changing economic environment.

### ACADEMIC DIVISION WOLLOTUKA SUPPORT UNIT

#### PORTFOLIO LEADER – INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Vacancy No. 1091

You will provide leadership by developing, coordinating and evaluating roles in the Indigenous Student Support and Development Portfolio. You will also be responsible for delivering the Intensive Student Support Program.

HEW Level 7 \$61,431 to \$69,110 per annum

#### PORTFOLIO LEADER – INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR Indigenous Success, Collaboration and Employment

Vacancy No. 1093

You will provide leadership by developing, coordinating and evaluating roles in the Indigenous Success, Collaboration and Employment Portfolio. You will also coordinate the functions of Indigenous employment in line with the goals and priorities of the University's strategic directions and the Indigenous Employment Strategy.

HEW Level 7 \$61,431 to \$69,110 per annum

#### INDIGENOUS SUCCESS AND COLLABORATION OFFICER

Vacancy No. 1092

You will coordinate programs and activities in relation to the University's strategic direction of increasing success of Indigenous students and enhancing the graduate attributes and opportunities for Indigenous students.

HEW Level 6 \$55,674 to \$61,431 per annum

#### INDIGENOUS PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ADVISOR / SCHOOL LIAISON

Vacancy No. 1090

You will coordinate the Schools to University program and manage the day to day coordination of prospective student activities to attract and create awareness to Indigenous students into higher education.

HEW Level 6 \$55,674 to \$61,431 per annum

#### INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Vacancy No. 1089

You will be responsible for establishing a strong link with the University's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and key stakeholders both internally and externally. You will also assist in the development and sourcing of opportunities for grants and Indigenous community projects.

HEW Level 6 \$55,674 to \$61,431 per annum

These positions will be responsible for activities across the Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The University of Newcastle values equity and diversity.

Applications close: Sunday 11 January 2009

To apply, please refer to additional information about the position, selection criteria and application process at [www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment)

For further information in regards to these positions contact Leanne Holt on 02 4921 7088 or email [Leanne.Holt@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Leanne.Holt@newcastle.edu.au)



Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

## Hostel Manager

### Mildura

Harry Nanya Hostel

APS Level 3

\$38,089 - \$43,720 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager
- The successful applicant must have a valid Working With Children Check card

### Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone Maynard on 03 9642 2775.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

### Closing date

By 5pm 9 January 2009.

This is a Transient hostel.

### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

This is an identified position.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1815	Ochre Resources Ltd	652.72km <sup>2</sup>	44km Wly of Derby	Lat 17°25' Long 123°14'	Brooms/Derby
04/1816	Consolidated Rock Services Pty Ltd	48.92km <sup>2</sup>	63km SWly of Derby	Lat 17°32' Long 123°05'	West Kimberley
04/1820	Ochre Resources Ltd	647.93km <sup>2</sup>	160km Ely of Derby	Lat 18°45' Long 123°34'	Brooms/Derby
04/1824	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	654.92km <sup>2</sup>	159km SEly of Broome	Lat 18°46' Long 123°26'	Brooms/Derby
08/1910	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	91.39km <sup>2</sup>	126km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°00' Long 116°28'	Ashburton
15/1013 & 15/1015	King Leopard Diamonds Ltd	409.46km <sup>2</sup>	28km Wly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°27' Long 121°17'	Coolgardie
15/1075	Peter Romeo Gianni	11.7km <sup>2</sup>	30km Ely of Widjemoor	Lat 31°26' Long 121°53'	Coolgardie
15/1085	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	5.85km <sup>2</sup>	15km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°26' Long 121°26'	Coolgardie
15/1086	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	5.85km <sup>2</sup>	16km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°23' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/1087	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	2.92km <sup>2</sup>	19km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°23' Long 121°25'	Coolgardie
15/1088	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	2.92km <sup>2</sup>	22km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°21' Long 121°24'	Coolgardie
15/1089	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	5.86km <sup>2</sup>	27km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°19' Long 121°23'	Coolgardie
15/1090	Aust. Gen. Qian Mining Pty Ltd	2.92km <sup>2</sup>	12km NWly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°26' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/1091	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	204.19km <sup>2</sup>	75km NEly of Norseman	Lat 31°44' Long 122°22'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1093	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.83km <sup>2</sup>	40km SEly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°47' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie
15/1097	Gold Attire Pty Ltd	38.19km <sup>2</sup>	35km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 122°02'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie
15/1098	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km <sup>2</sup>	28km Sly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°44' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie
15/1099	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.83km <sup>2</sup>	30km Sly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°46' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
15/1100	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km <sup>2</sup>	34km Sly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°47' Long 121°29'	Coolgardie
15/1101	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km <sup>2</sup>	23km Sly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°41' Long 121°39'	Coolgardie
15/1103	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	105.33km <sup>2</sup>	61km SEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°26' Long 122°15'	Coolgardie
15/1105	John Louis Stockley	76.17km <sup>2</sup>	59km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°23' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
15/1106	John Louis Stockley	5.86km <sup>2</sup>	45km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°15' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
15/1107	John Louis Stockley	26.42km <sup>2</sup>	41km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°12' Long 120°50'	Coolgardie
15/1112	Heron Resources Ltd	29.41km <sup>2</sup>	20km Ely of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°22'	Coolgardie
16/366	Heron Resources Ltd	11.86km <sup>2</sup>	84km SWly of Merces	Lat 30°09' Long 120°40'	Coolgardie/Merces
20/690	Menzies Gold Australia Pty Ltd	60.95km <sup>2</sup>	65km Ely of Cue	Lat 27°14' Long 118°30'	Cue
25/382	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	2.94km <sup>2</sup>	51km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 122°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
25/386	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	5.88km <sup>2</sup>	65km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°50' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
27/395	Peter Romeo Gianni	23.6km <sup>2</sup>	29km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
28/1833	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	47.12km <sup>2</sup>	75km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°47' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
28/1839	John Stephen Bladon Milward	5.89km <sup>2</sup>	84km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
28/1868	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	29.34km <sup>2</sup>	70km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 122°24'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie
28/1869	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	8.83km <sup>2</sup>	90km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°50' Long 122°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
29/618	Epsilon Energy Ltd	36.09km <sup>2</sup>	67km Wly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 120°38'	Merces
31/838	Heron Resources Ltd	50.58km <sup>2</sup>	127km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°46' Long 122°24'	Merces
31/840	Heron Resources Ltd	20.81km <sup>2</sup>	110km Ely of Merces	Lat 29°50' Long 122°09'	Merces
36/664	Rosane Pty Ltd	21.35km <sup>2</sup>	57km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°29' Long 121°01'	Leonora
38/2120	Nao Kamei Pty Ltd	244.88km <sup>2</sup>	20km Ely of Cosmo	Lat 28°06' Long 123°10'	Laverton
38/2159	Crusader Resources Ltd	75.75km <sup>2</sup>	92km Ely of Cosmo	Lat 27°51' Long 123°49'	Laverton
38/2163	David Alexander Crocker Boleslaw William Kozynski David Reed Mounsey	63.36km <sup>2</sup>	38km SWly of Cosmo	Lat 28°17' Long 122°42'	Laverton
45/3100	Newcrest Operations Ltd	111.24km <sup>2</sup>	15km SEly of Teller	Lat 21°48' Long 122°20'	East Pilbara
45/3254	Newcrest Operations Ltd	101.61km <sup>2</sup>	27km SEly of Teller	Lat 21°55' Long 122°21'	East Pilbara
46/767	Alexander Robert Hewlett	91.92km <sup>2</sup>	84km NEly of Newman	Lat 22°17' Long 121°09'	East Pilbara
46/790	Balk Pty Ltd	633.64km <sup>2</sup>	41km Nly of Newman	Lat 22°28' Long 120°32'	East Pilbara
46/791-3	Balk Pty Ltd	668.62km <sup>2</sup>	71km Ely of Nullagine	Lat 21°42' Long 120°46'	East Pilbara
46/797	Wix Pty Ltd	222.62km <sup>2</sup>	13km SWly of Nullagine	Lat 22°00' Long 120°03'	East Pilbara
46/798	Wix Pty Ltd	222.54km <sup>2</sup>	64km Ely of Nullagine	Lat 21°58' Long 120°43'	East Pilbara
46/800	Alexander Robert Hewlett	99.39km <sup>2</sup>	99km NEly of Newman	Lat 22°06' Long 121°08'	East Pilbara
47/1893	Muga Minerals Pty Ltd	50.54km <sup>2</sup>	109km Wly of Tom Price	Lat 22°40' Long 116°44'	Ashburton
47/1901	Muga Minerals Pty Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	85km NWly of Newman	Lat 22°48' Long 119°09'	East Pilbara
51/1262	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	8.1km <sup>2</sup>	55km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°05' Long 118°54'	Cue
51/1294	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	3.05km <sup>2</sup>	55km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°04' Long 118°37'	Meekatharra
51/1287	Desert Energy Ltd	214.49km <sup>2</sup>	68km Ely of Meekatharra	Lat 26°41' Long 119°10'	Meekatharra
52/2231	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	103.49km <sup>2</sup>	67km Sly of Newman	Lat 23°56' Long 119°58'	Meekatharra
52/2232	Pandell Pty Ltd	297.97km <sup>2</sup>	72km SEly of Newman	Lat 23°56' Long 120°02'	Meekatharra
53/1424-5	State Resources Pty Ltd	354.62km <sup>2</sup>	84km SWly of Wiluna	Lat 27°05' Long 119°35'	Wiluna
53/1431	Alamar Resources Ltd	3.06km <sup>2</sup>	73km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
57/778	Peter Ronald Gibson	6.06km <sup>2</sup>	23km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°09' Long 119°10'	Sandstone
59/1508	Venus Resources Ltd	156.54km <sup>2</sup>	28km SEly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°33' Long 116°50'	Yalgoo
59/1527	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	9.06km <sup>2</sup>	46km Nly of Paynes Find	Lat 28°51' Long 117°47'	Yalgoo
59/1541	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	9.02km <sup>2</sup>	58km Sly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°34' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
59/1542	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	3.01km <sup>2</sup>	54km Sly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°32' Long 117°46'	Mount Magnet
59/1543	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	53.76km <sup>2</sup>	61km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 28°22' Long 117°04'	Peteraji/Yalgoo
66/64	Dukeon Consolidated Pty Ltd	548.25km <sup>2</sup>	39km Nly of Northampton	Lat 28°00' Long 114°38'	Northampton
70/3294	Roca Pty Ltd	51.74km <sup>2</sup>	12km Wly of Harvey	Lat 33°05' Long 115°46'	Harvey
70/3370	Rosson Solutions Pty Ltd	205.39km <sup>2</sup>	39km NEly of Merredin	Lat 31°11' Long 118°29'	Merredin/Narngin
70/3501	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	191.28km <sup>2</sup>	21km Nly of Three Springs	Lat 29°21' Long 115°44'	Westonia
77/1512	HR Forrester Pty Ltd	120.97km <sup>2</sup>	65km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°27' Long 119°36'	Mingenew/Morawa
77/1586	Carmon Ian Cornelius	2.93km <sup>2</sup>	40km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°26' Long 119°39'	Three Springs
77/1592	Carmon Ian Cornelius	11.82km <sup>2</sup>	61km Nly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°28' Long 118°53'	Kondinin
77/1594	Bruce Robert Legendre	206.06km <sup>2</sup>	18km Ely of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°18'	Yilgarn
77/1609	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	89.62km <sup>2</sup>	137km Wly of Merces	Lat 29°30' Long 119°38'	Yilgarn
77/1616	Hersh Resources Ltd	5.86km <sup>2</sup>	14km Sly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°21' Long 119°20'	Merces
80/4188	Mining Tenements Pty Ltd	235.49km <sup>2</sup>	171km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°17' Long 127°06'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4169	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	23.79km <sup>2</sup>	11km Sly of Kununurra	Lat 16°45' Long 128°30'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4170	3D Resources Ltd	3.24km <sup>2</sup>	9km Sly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°18' Long 127°39'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day:** 17 December 2008

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 17 March 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 April 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## NGURU PROGRAM

Canberra Rape Crisis Centre

## ABORIGINAL SUPPORT AND EDUCATION WORKER

Up to 28 Hrs/wk negotiable, SACS Grade 4 to 5

Designated Aboriginal Position

The Canberra Crisis Centre (CRCC) is a non-government organisation working collaboratively within service provision systems in the ACT and surrounding areas to provide services and programs to people and communities affected by sexual violence.

**Position Responsibilities:** To provide support, outreach, information, advocacy, community education and training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities as well as mainstream service providers.

**Position Requirements:** Tertiary qualifications or working towards qualifications in Welfare, Counselling or equivalent, previous experience in

providing support services to Indigenous people, understanding of the causes and consequences of sexual violence, and computer literacy.

**Benefits:** Generous and flexible salary packaging options apply to this position. Above award rates are paid, clinical and cultural supervision is provided. CRCC is a flexible and supportive work environment.

**Contact:** CRCC on 02 6247 8071 or [sdc@rapesupport.org.au](mailto:sdc@rapesupport.org.au) for more information or to obtain a recruitment package.

**Applications close:** COB Tuesday 23 December 2008.

## Careers @ Justice

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BARWON SOUTH WEST

Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC)

\$71,671 - \$86,716 + superannuation

Position No DJ3694

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are seeking an Executive Officer for the Barwon South West Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) to provide secretariat services to the committee. The occupant will provide leadership and coordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Justice Plan and establishment of the LAJAC network.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

The Department encourages applications from Koories and other Indigenous Australians.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 23 January 2009

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



## Management Positions Aboriginal Health Division

With billions committed to transforming health into the sustainable system we all know it needs to be, we're changing the way we do many things. This is a big, revolutionary step for us, and a meaningful but necessary one for the people we treat. All we need now is you to help make it happen.

### Principal Aboriginal Mental Health Advisor

- Department of Health, Adelaide CBD
- \$78,402 - \$85,105 - Perm F/T - ASO7

You'll ensure the Mental Health System meets the needs of and benefits Aboriginal people. Contributing to policy and strategy development, you'll establish and maintain relationships and negotiate outcomes with Indigenous communities, providing advice and giving project support for implementing mental health reform initiatives. With experience in community development and project management, you'll be able to develop and implement creative planning and solutions. **Job Ref: 10768.**

Changing the way we treat people...

Further information visit:

[www.health.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.health.sa.gov.au/careers)

or phone 1300 882 992.



Government of South Australia  
SA Health



# National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

**Ongoing:** Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email [news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com](mailto:news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com)

**Ongoing:** Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email [rid@bold.net.au](mailto:rid@bold.net.au)

**Ongoing:** The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email [richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Ongoing:** Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit [www.dva.gov.au/health/day-clubs](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/day-clubs)

**Ongoing:** Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email [debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au) or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email [nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au)

**Ongoing:** Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin' Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal Mothers, Aunts and Sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal Parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email [chrissy@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:chrissy@ywcansw.com.au) or visit [www.ywcansw.com.au](http://www.ywcansw.com.au)

**20 December-16 January 09:** A solo exhibition featuring Aboriginal art from the past 20 years by Award winning Aboriginal Artist Brett 'Billyara' Parker. Also included is an Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park, live animals and bush tucker demonstrations during the opening so bring the kids. All welcome. Held at Rogue Gallery, 394 The Entrance Rd, Long Jetty. Details: (02) 4334 1818 or Brett Parker on (0412) 451 881 or visit [www.billyara.com](http://www.billyara.com)

**Until 24 December:** Memories of My Country: The Art of Lucy Ward Art Exhibition. All welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay St, Subiaco. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email [art@mossensongalleries.com.au](mailto:art@mossensongalleries.com.au) or visit [www.mossensongalleries.com.au](http://www.mossensongalleries.com.au)

**Until 29 December:** Family drug support meetings. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol matters? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar

problems. Held at Byron Bay NSW, Leabrook SA, Hallett Cove SA, Salisbury SA, Kincumber NSW, Geelong VIC, Canberra ACT, Port Macquarie NSW, Penrith NSW, Brisbane QLD, Newcastle NSW, Chatswood NSW, Ashfield NSW, Coffs Harbour NSW and Cessnock NSW. Details on event location times and dates call 1300 368 186 or visit [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

**29 December-23 January 09:** School Holiday Activities. NSW Sport and Recreation Minister Kevin Greene is encouraging parents and carers to take advantage of the wide range of school holiday activities available on the North Coast this summer. Activities include activity days, surf programs, bush to beach ride by horse, abseiling, cricket clinics and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Ages from 7-17 years. Details on locations, dates and times call (02) 6618 0400 or Adam Wallace on (0407) 079 369 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**26 December 2008-4 January 2009:** Ten Days Holy Ghost Camp Meeting 2008. What to bring: sleeping gear, cutlery, bathers, pen, paper, gifts, talents and your community. Held at Taree Basketball Stadium, Taree from 5pm onwards. Accommodation in the hall only or book yourself into a motel. All welcome. Details: Brian Booker on (02) 6550 0086 or (0428) 597 397 or call John Andrews on (07) 4039 4012 or (0431) 049 188.

**Until 4 January 09:** '380,000 km2 of Art' Exhibition. This exhibition displays a range of styles, including the traditional Anhem Land and Tanami Desert styles, contemporary art from Rivers region, the eastern areas of the NT and the distinctive style of renowned artist Bill Harney from Menzies, also known as Innisvale Station. All welcome. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email [tandanya@tandanya.com.au](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**Until 4 January 09:** Anangu Tjuta Tgungu Warkarinyi - Many Anangu Working Together art exhibition. This is an exhibition which celebrates the successful collaboration between Mimili Maku Arts and Crafts and Iwantja Arts. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email [tandanya@tandanya.com.au](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**10-11 January 09:** Family Drug Support 'stepping stones to success' workshops. This is a non-religious, non-12 step group for family members affected by the use of drugs and alcohol by a family member. All welcome. Lunch provided. Held at the Guide Hall, Byron Bay. Details: (02) 4782 9222 or Theo on (0402) 604 354 or Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or visit [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

**Until 11 January 09:** Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards Exhibition. The exhibition will showcase outstanding works by sixteen Indigenous artists from across the nation. Each artist will be in the running to receive the non-acquisitive Western Australian Indigenous Art Award valued at \$50,000. There is also a \$10,000 as well as the \$5,000 People's Choice Award. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email [art@mossensongalleries.com.au](mailto:art@mossensongalleries.com.au) or visit [www.mossensongalleries.com.au](http://www.mossensongalleries.com.au) or [www.artgallery.wa.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.wa.gov.au)

**Until 16 January 09:** Kururrungku (Billiluna) Christmas Art Exhibition. The exhibition will feature leading Warlajirli Artists Kathleen Paddoon and Elizabeth Nyumi. Held at

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/195 Search for groundwater	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	18521.87ha	32km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°39'	Leonora
38/138 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	11563.02ha	96km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°17' Long 122°19'	Laverton
39/193 Search for groundwater	Namoo Mining Pty Ltd	31639.25ha	173km NWly of Rawlinna	Lat 29°52' Long 124°01'	Menzies

**Nature of act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 17 December 2008

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 17 March 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 April 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5266	Focus Minerals Ltd	164.66ha	6km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/5267	Focus Minerals Ltd	33.41ha	3km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/5288-9	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	400ha	42km SEly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°56'	Coolgardie
15/5290-4	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	859.41ha	46km SEly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°44' Long 121°58'	Coolgardie
15/5296	A1 Minerals Ltd	23.58ha	19km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/5311	Bantos Resources Pty Ltd	195.41ha	13km NWly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°26' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie
15/5314	Frederick Charles Saunders	25.02ha	12km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
16/2578	Banta Resources Ltd	185.59ha	47km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
16/2582-3	Haver Mining Pty Ltd	329.01ha	39km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie
20/2007	Mid-West Gold Operations Pty Ltd	169.34ha	6km Nly of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 117°54'	Cue
25/2053-6	Rubicon Resources Ltd	684.17ha	46km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3684-5	Westair Wodrak	359.02ha	27km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3687	Heron Resources Ltd	183.67ha	12km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1968	Heron Resources Ltd	189.31ha	14km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
38/3574	Regis Resources Limited	90.87ha	43km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°28'	Laverton
38/3596	Regis Resources Limited	122.11ha	48km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°49'	Laverton
38/3598	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	73.06ha	39km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/3616	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	73.06ha	39km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/3618	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	73.06ha	39km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/3746	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	181.3ha	60km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°35' Long 122°05'	Laverton
38/3769-74	William Robert Richmond	938.02ha	93km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°33' Long 122°04'	Laverton
38/3777	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	73.06ha	39km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°47'	Laverton
39/4697	Hawthorn Resources Limited	96.1ha	79km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°19' Long 122°17'	Leonora
39/4886	Ross Frederick Creek	174.98ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°58'	Laverton
39/4927-8	APG Resources Pty Ltd	393.05ha	52km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°03'	Laverton
51/2597	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	190.98ha	62km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°09' Long 118°31'	Cue/Meekatharra
51/2598	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	49.48ha	53km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°03' Long 118°33'	Cue
51/2599	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	21.64ha	53km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°03' Long 118°34'	Cue
58/1453	Maximus Resources Ltd	75.2ha	46km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°03' Long 118°18'	Mount Magnet
58/1454	Maximus Resources Ltd	23.75ha	44km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 118°17'	Mount Magnet
58/1455	Maximus Resources Ltd	23.75ha	43km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 118°16'	Mount Magnet
58/1456	Maximus Resources Ltd	23.75ha	42km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°07' Long 118°15'	Mount Magnet
58/1457	Maximus Resources Ltd	49.48ha	39km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 118°13'	Mount Magnet
58/1458	Maximus Resources Ltd	23.75ha	38km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°10' Long 118°12'	Mount Magnet
58/1460	Ralph Alexander McInnis	200ha	2km WEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°51'	Mount Magnet
58/1461	Ralph Alexander McInnis	138.45ha	5km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°05' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
59/1888	Jordan Lee Mill	21.1ha	1km Ely of Raynesford	Lat 29°15' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
70/1566	Coastal Minerals (WA) Pty Ltd	163.93ha	27km SEly of Dongara	Lat 29°23' Long 115°09'	Inver
70/1567	Coastal Minerals (WA) Pty Ltd	109.37ha	23km SEly of Dongara	Lat 29°22' Long 115°07'	Inver
70/1568	Coastal Minerals (WA) Pty Ltd	189.36ha	22km SEly of Dongara	Lat 29°21' Long 115°07'	Inver
70/1569	Coastal Minerals (WA) Pty Ltd	188.43ha	24km SEly of Dongara	Lat 29°21' Long 115°08'	Inver
77/3937-8	Adam William Outfall	294.38ha	76km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°21' Long 119°42'	Kondinin
77/3943	HR Forestania Pty Ltd	125.41ha	74km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°21' Long 119°41'	Kondinin
77/3944-5	HR Forestania Pty Ltd	210.69ha	76km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°23' Long 119°43'	Kondinin

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 3 December 2008

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 3 March 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 3 April 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.





## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/642	Intertribal Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	300064 300066 300067	82.42ha 0.45ha 5.06ha	73km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°14' Long 120°29' Lat 29°15' Long 120°29' Lat 29°16' Long 120°29'	Menzies

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 17 December 2008

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 17 March 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Any amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 April 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/442	Quarry Park Pty Ltd	163.58ha	71km E of Boonin	Lat 31°40' Long 122°52'	Boonin
37/1256	Golden State Resources Ltd	300.81ha	23km N of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°24'	Leonora
38/556	Murray Milton Shubbs Gregory Wayne Shubbs Raymond William Ashwin	199.85ha	9km NW of Coorow Newbury Mission	Lat 27°55' Long 122°51'	Lawson
38/667	Eric Vincent Thomas	389.7ha	48km E of Coorow Newbury Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 123°21'	Lawson
39/1033	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	49.13ha	170km N of Coorow Newbury Mission	Lat 26°58' Long 122°04'	Wiluna
61/1417	HAG Pilbara Pty Ltd	294.54ha	35km N of Iron Pill	Lat 26°13' Long 117°42'	Ashburton
51/902	Reward Minerals Ltd	2.02ha	39km S of Meekatharra	Lat 29°50' Long 116°38'	Meekatharra

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day:** 17 December 2008

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 17 March 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 April 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE THAT SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** (ACN 124 728 856) of Level 7, 44 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000 and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** (ACN 122 529 168) of 96 Babbage Road, Roseville Chase, New South Wales 2069 are the joint holders of 77 contiguous mineral claims numbered 4032 to 4108 (**Mineral Claims**) and have applied for a mineral lease (**ML**) and an extractive minerals lease (**EML**) over the land the subject of the Mineral Claims (together **Mining Leases**). Subject to grant, **SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** propose to carry out mining operations on the Mining Leases (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Mining Leases and any other production tenement or interest in any production tenement from time to time held with respect to the whole or any part of the area of the Mining Leases), on the following land:

The land in the State of South Australia being land comprised within the Mineral Claims located approximately 55 km northwest of Orlay in Block 1109, Out of Hundreds (Orlay), Plumbago Station, Crown Pastoral Lease Number 2250 and bounded by the following co-ordinates:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of 388,680E and 6,467,730N thence east to 394,210E, 6,467,730N, south to 394,210E, 6,450,350N, west to 379,200E, 6,450,350N, north to 379,200E, 6,452,720N, thence in a north-eastwards direction to 383,150E, 6,459,040N, east to 387,100E, 6,459,040N, north to 387,100E, 6,462,990N, east to 388,680E, 6,462,990N and north to the point of commencement (**Land**).

The approximate total area of the Land is approximately 172.5 square kilometres.

All of the above reference points are expressed in MGA94 (GDA94) Zone 54.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Topsoil and overburden stripping and stockpiling; open cut mining for the purpose of extracting mineral ore; processing and separation of minerals; earth moving and haulage of waste material and mineral products; installation, maintenance and movement of various forms of operational and related infrastructure; digging borrow pits for extraction, stockpiling and removal of extractive minerals including sand and gravel for general construction purposes including roads and general maintenance purposes.

**The proposed operations will be authorised by the following production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:**

ML and EML to be granted over the Land the subject of the Mineral Claims of which **SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** are the registered joint holders.

**SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** (and their successors or assigns) seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE FURTHER** that if, two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land to which this notice relates, **SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** (or their successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971, authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

**AND TAKE NOTICE FURTHER** that if, within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations pursuant to Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 **SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** (or their successors or assigns) and any native title party or parties that have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land to which this notice relates.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponents **SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD** as follows:

**SINOSTEEL URANIUM SA PTY LTD** and **PEPININI RESOURCES CURNAMONA PTY LTD**  
c/- Finlaysons Lawyers  
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: (08) 8235 7814  
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944  
Contact: Ms Julia Dnistrianski

# National Calendar

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Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, Qld.  
Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email@wag.harryscollar.com or visit www.wag.harryscollar.com

**17 January 09:** Indigenous Learn to Surf Program. Come and try surfing at Lennox Head. You will need to bring a hat, towel, bottled water, sunscreen, warm clothes and appropriate swimwear. Age group 12 years and over. Cost \$5 per person. All welcome. Enrolments close 5 January. Held at Seven Mile Beach, Lennox Head from 10.30am-noon. Details: Tina Reeves on (02) 6618 0400 or email teena.reeves@dsr.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

**17-18 January 09:** Family Drug Support 'stepping stones to success' workshops. This is a non-religious, non-12 step group for family members affected by the use of drugs and alcohol by a family member. All welcome. Lunch provided. Held at the Guide Hall, Byron Bay. Details: (02) 4782 9222 or Theo on (0402) 604 354 or Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or visit www.fds.org.au

**Until 19 January 09:** Arafura Craft Exchange. The Arafura Craft Exchange introduces audiences to remarkable examples of contemporary craft from Indonesia and Australia. This exhibition is of stunning contemporary ceramic practice featuring wild colours, emotive forms, elaborate concepts and sometimes comical themes. All welcome. Held at the Arts NT Office, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 8101 or (08) 8999 8264 or email magnt@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

**Until 31 January 09:** Master of Education in Indigenous Studies applications now open. This course is for students desiring to be at the forefront of learning and change in Indigenous education and development. The course aims are to build respectful partnerships across all sectors and create opportunities for meaningful and productive dialogues and collaborations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Held at the University of Technology, Sydney, 15 Broadway, Ultimo. Details: (02) 9514 3807 or (02) 9514 3814 or 1800 634 649 or visit www.education.uts.edu.au

**Until 8 February 2009:** Celebrating art, language and bush medicine at Utopia. An innovative art exhibition entitled Intem-antey anem: 'These Things Will Always Be', that focuses on the bush medicine knowledge of traditional owners from the Utopia region in central Australia. Held at the Araluen Art Gallery, Alice Springs. Call Christine Bond on (08) 8939 7457 or (0427) 287 112 or email christine.bond@batchelor.edu.au or visit www.batchelor.edu.au

**25-27 February 09:** Straight Talk 2009 Oxfam Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Summit. This is a national summit bringing together 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with female parliamentarians. It will give them the opportunity to build relationships with each other and explore ways to work together to advance reconciliation and achieve greater justice and equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All welcome. Held in Canberra. Details on locations and times call 1800 088 110 or visit www.oxfam.org.au

**Until 30 June 09:** Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This program leads Indigenous people to

bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

**Until 25 July 2010:** In Living Memory NSW Tour. This is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Dates and venues: 22 November 08-30 January 09 held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Armidale, 5 February-1 March 09 held at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, 12 March-2 April 09 held at Kempsey Shire Library, 11 April-28 June 09 held at the Regional Gallery, Penrith, 9 July-24 September 09 held at St George Regional Museum, Hurstville, 30 September-7 November 09 held at the University of Newcastle, 1-16 December 09 held at the Mechanics Institute, Moruya, 6-18 April 2010 held at the Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga, 22 April-6 May 2010 held at Cootamundra Library, 15 May-25 July 2010 held at Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

**6-8 March 2009:** WOMAdelaide 09. WOMAdelaide returns to Adelaide with a magnificent program of music, arts and dance from across the globe. Performances feature across seven stages and throughout the park with workshops for adults and children, visual arts, street theatre program and a KidZone. The 2009 line-up features artists from Argentina, Cuba, Senegal, UK, Nigeria and more. All welcome. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide, SA. Details: Danika Gael-Krieg on (02) 6684 7907 or (0408) 804 504 or email danikagk@bigpond.com or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

**21-22 March 2009:** Yarrawarra Women's Gathering. This is a spiritual and cultural retreat for women. Activities include: basket weaving, bush tucker cooking, beach activities and screen printing. You will be able to take home your own personally screen printed t-shirt and a water urn you have weaved. Women from all cultures and all age groups are welcome. Dancing and stories around the campfire. A variety of packages are on offer including accommodation with meals, camping and participation without accommodation. Held at Corindi Beach. Details: Sally on (0409) 824 803 or email yarrawarra\_womens\_network@bigpond.com

**Until 6 April 09:** Austswim Courses. Austswim accreditation provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to instruct learn to swim and water safety programs. The Austswim certificate is valid for three years and includes both theory and practical sessions. Participants must be 16 year and over. For details on the locations, dates, times and costs call Deb Grant on (02) 6618 0400 or deb.grant@dsr.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

**27-29 May 09:** Yulkuum-Jerrang: The 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide key stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives, increase business and create employment opportunities. Featuring international and local speakers, Indigenous youth forum, business and social networking opportunities, gala dinner and more. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or email events@conferenceworks.net.au or visit www.kbconference.vic.gov.au



# Athletes shine on track



## EIGHTEEN

Indigenous track and field athletes in the Jump Start to London 2012 program finished in the top eight in events at the Pacific School Games which ended in Canberra on 6 December.

All told, 27 athletes from the Jump Start program qualified for the Games. Even that was an amazing feat, said Athletics Australia Development Manager Sally McGrady.

"For athletes to qualify for the Games, they had been through their school carnival, district, regional and State championships. For many, it was a long journey, with the reward being a spot on their State representative teams. Just to make the PSG was an amazing effort," she said.

The Pacific School Games were the biggest schools athletic carnival held on Australian soil.

"We saw 74 hours of athletics over seven days, with some days running over 12 hours," McGrady said.

"There were more than 800 events involving 2750 athletes in 4700 individual event entries."

"There were 180 meet records set."

McGrady said the Games were delivered by 170 volunteer officials with most working 14-hour days.

"In terms of time and workload, this was a bigger event than the Olympics or World champs for officials, and unlike the Olympics, there was no session breaks or rest days," she said.

"Almost every State had a representative from the Jump Start program, with some very good results from the small group competing."

Khalee Bowen (Qld) smashed the 15-year old boys' long jump record by almost 30cm.

Bowen also finished third in the high jump.

Raheen Williams (WA) also took gold in the 15-year boys' 400m hurdles.

McGrady said Bowen and Williams showed 'fantastic talent' in their events.

Kertisha Thompson (Qld) won silver in the 16-year girls' triple jump after a disappointing long jump competition.

About 70 per cent of the Games participants came from Australia. Competition was open to students aged from ten to 19 years.

Events were held at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Swimming Centre, AIS Track & Field Facility, AIS Basketball and Netball Centre; the National Hockey Centre; the Canberra Olympic Pool; and the Belconnen Basketball Stadium.

Sports were basketball, swimming, diving, track and field, and hockey.

Young Toowoomba sensation Joel Hagan ran a personal best in the boys' 12 years 100m final.

Joel finished behind an African runner, but broke the Games record and clocked a PB of 11.75 seconds.

Joel finished the Games with two silver medals (100m and 200m) and a gold medal (4x100m relay).

While Joel is enjoying his

athletics, football codes are knocking on his door.

Gold Coast Titans junior recruitment manager Tom Searle visited Toowoomba to talk to Joel and his dad Lawrence Hagan.

They agreed to Joel joining the Titans' development squad, but are not bound by contracts.

The Brisbane Lions AFL club also is wooing Joel, inviting him to join their development squad.

Joel next year begins his

secondary education at Nudgee College, Brisbane, where the focus is on rugby union.

So what's it going to be for Joel: Athletics, rugby league, rugby union or Aussie rules? Time will tell.

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of QLD

Notification day: 31 December 2008



QI2008/23 Port Curtis Coral Coast Boyne Island and Tannum Sands Land Dealings ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to the agreement is located southeast of Gladstone, in the vicinity of the Boyne River at Tannum Sands and covers about 2.5km<sup>2</sup> as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Gladstone Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of Queensland,  
c/- Acting Executive Director  
Indigenous Services,  
Department of Natural Resources and Water,  
Locked Bag 40,  
COORPAROO DC QLD 4151

Selwyn Appo, Leigh Blackman, Lynette Booth,  
Stephen Collins, Maureen Eggmolesse, Rayleen Goltz, Tony  
Johnson, Dean Sarra, Neola Savage, Michelle Smith, Maxine  
Thompson, Netta Tyson, Malcolm Walker, Michael Williams  
on their own behalf and on behalf of the Port Curtis Coral  
Coast People  
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd  
Level 3, 20 Wharf Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 6 Consent to Acts

6.1 For the purposes of s24EB(1)(b) of the NTA the parties consent to the Surrender and the Reserve Acts.

6.2 The Surrender will take effect upon Registration.

6.3 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

6.4 To the extent that any of the Reserve Acts is a Future Act, the parties acknowledge that the Non-Extinguishment Principle applies to that act.

6.5 Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the Surrender or the Reserve Acts.

Clause 1 defines the terms "Surrender", "Surrender Area" and "Reserve Acts" as follows:

"Surrender" means the surrender to the State of any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area.

"Surrender Area" means

(a) that part of Lot 5 on SP148532, Parish

of South Trees, County of Clinton shown as Area A on the plan annexed in Schedule 3;

(b) Lot 48 on CTN1708, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(c) Lot 901 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(d) Lot 902 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(e) Lot 903 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(f) Lot 904 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(g) Lot 905 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(h) Lot 906 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(i) Lot 907 on B87110, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton;

(j) that part of Lot 6 on SP105077, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton shown as Area A on the plan annexed in Schedule 4;

(k) Lot 7 of SP105077, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton;

(l) that part of Lot 9 on SP183063, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton shown as Area A on the plan annexed in Schedule 5; and

(m) that part of Lot 134 on CTN2190, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton shown as Area A on the plan annexed in Schedule 6

"Reserve Acts" means:

(a) the dedication under the Land Act 1994 (Qld) of:

(i) that part of Lot 5 on SP148532, Parish of South Trees, County of Clinton, shown as Area B on the plan annexed in Schedule 3;

(ii) that part of Lot 6 on SP105077, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton, shown as Area B on the plan annexed in Schedule 4;

(iii) that part of Lot 9 on SP183063, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton, shown as Area B on the plan annexed in Schedule 5;

(iv) Lot 10 on SP183063, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton; and

(v) that part of Lot 134 on CTN2190, Parish of Iweragh, County of Clinton, shown as Area B on the plan annexed in Schedule 6;

as reserve for environmental purposes; and

(b) any acts necessary for or incidental to the use and management of the areas described in (a)(i) to (a)(v) above as reserves for environmental purposes.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) was certified by the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation). Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 31 March 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Felicity Thiessen on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



● ABOVE: Joel Hagan, of Toowoomba, and Terri-Ann Cain, from the Brisbane suburb of Inala, at the Pacific School Games in Canberra. Terri-Ann won the girls' 12 years 100m and 200m double, smashing the 100m Games record. Joel finished second in the boys' 12 years 100m and 200m, but ran inside the old 100m Games record.

● RIGHT: Khalee Bowen receiving his gold medal at the Pacific School Games.







Queensland coach Michael Mainhardt presents his son Ben with his Queensland cap in the lead-up to the 2007-08 Imparja Cup. Michael Mainhardt again will coach the 2008-09 Queensland team and son Ben again is in the Queensland team.

## Imparja Cup selection: Qld blends experience with youth



FORMER Queensland Country all-rounder Keith Charles will make a return to the Queensland Imparja Cup squad for the 2008-09 national

number of players to consider.

"It's very encouraging to see the growth in Queensland's playing depth and strength and the trials we conducted around the State produced a number of very good players for us to look at," he said.

"It's also exciting to note that a number of the players in the squad are being picked in State and regional representative teams away from the Imparja Cup, so the opportunities for greater exposure for Indigenous players is definitely on the rise."

New faces in the 2008-09 squad include Wynnum-Manly's Cameron Trask, Wide Bay pace bowler Ashley Renouf, Toombul's Mark Thompson and Clements.

The 2008-09 Queensland Imparja Cup squad, 11-16 February, Alice Springs:

Bradley Stout (Townsville, capt), Nigel Beer (Mackay), Will Davis (Beenleigh/Logan), Ben Mainhardt (Northern Suburbs), Eddie Mills-Grant (Sandgate-Redcliffe), Michael Strange (Northern Suburbs), Chris Swain (Rockhampton), Preston White (Toombul), Cameron Trask (Wynnum-Manly), Ashley Renouf (Wide Bay), Mark Thompson (Toombul), Keith Charles (Oakey), Trent Clements (Ingham). Coaches: Michael Mainhardt, Joe Marsh.



Indigenous titles in Alice Springs.

The 31-year-old from Oakey last played in the Imparja Cup in 2005, but will provide his experience to a youthful Queensland line-up that was announced last week following a comprehensive State-wide series of trials.

Of the 13 players named in the squad, eight are aged 19 or younger, with 16-year-old Ingham product Trent Clements the youngest.

Clements has won a spot in the squad through the Australia Post Queensland Cricket Emerging Players scheme, having been identified as a promising player through the Eddie Gilbert Indigenous talent ID scheme.

The squad will again be captained by 19-year-old Townsville wicketkeeper Bradley Stout, who will turn 20 the week before the titles, while Michael Mainhardt returns as coach.

Queensland are the defending titleholders, having won four of the past five titles.

Charles, a former first grade player with Norths in Brisbane, was a member of the 2004-05 Queensland Country team that won the Australian Country championships in Lismore.

Queensland Cricket specialist programs co-ordinator Nev Paulsen said this year's selection had been a challenging one due to the

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State of Queensland

Notification day: 31 December 2008



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12007/16 Ewamian/Sporting Shooters Association of Australian Forsyth & District

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 3km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 1.2km west of Forsyth and covers proposed lot 6 on C/S01/089.

The agreement falls within the Etheridge local government area.

#### The parties to the agreement and their contact addresses are:

The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Forsyth & District Branch Incorporated IA 19452, (the Association), C/- MacDonnell's Law Level 14, BOQ Centre 259, Queen Street BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Mr Barry Fisher, Mr David Hudson, Mr Noel Lacey and Mr Ron Richards, C/- North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body, PO Box 679N CAIRNS QLD 4870

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

7.1 The Native Title Parties consent on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group to:

(a) the grant of the Term Lease over the ILUA Area for a term up to 30 Years;

(b) to the extent that it is a Future Act, the construction of the Boundary Fence;

7.2 The parties expressly acknowledge that the State may rely upon this Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the purpose of granting the Term Lease to the Association.

7.3 The parties agree that the Non-Extinguishment Principle applies to the Future Acts in clause 7.1

Definitions include:

At Clause 1.1 Boundary fence means a good and substantial fence to the satisfaction of the minister administering the Land Act 1994 and approved by the weapons branch under the Weapons Act 1990 (Qld) constructed generally in accordance with the alignment shown in Schedule 2.

Term Lease means a term lease granted under the Land Act 1994 on terms the same as or substantially the same as the conditions contained in Schedule 3.

#### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

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For assistance and further information about this application, contact Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

## Two Indigenous players in NSW Country team



TWO Indigenous cricketers, including captain Jeff Cook, are in the NSW Country

team to contest the Australian Country Cricket Championships in South Australia next month.

Cook spent several years in England, playing county cricket with Northamptonshire.

He is a left-hand batsman/right-arm medium-pace bowler.

These days Cook is the cricket development officer for Cricket NSW based at Tamworth.

He is Cricket NSW's first Indigenous development officer. He captained NSW Country to

victory in last year's Australian Country Championships at Mackay, in central Queensland.

He also captained NSW to victory at the 2007 Imparja Cup Indigenous carnival in Alice Springs, but was unavailable last year when the Cup returned to Queensland and NSW finished well down the ladder.

Newcastle all-rounder Nathan Price is the other Indigenous player in the NSW Country team. He is top-order right-hand batsman and right-arm fast-medium bowler.

The Australian Country Championships will be played in the Barossa Valley from 4-13 January.



As Test opener nears end of career, he says he'll go into bat for ...

# Indigenous cricket

THE Australian cricket summer is in full swing and already the Australian team has endured a tough tour of India before returning to find some tough in defeating New Zealand 2-0.

We are now gearing up for the South African Test series, a series that promises to be as challenging for us as any played in Australia over the past 20 years.

It's no secret that I'm coming towards the end of my international career and while I think I've still got plenty of good cricket left in me for the next year or so, I've certainly taken time to think about life after cricket and what it holds.

Something that is very important to me is keeping involved in the sport I love, and during the last year I've taken steps with Cricket Australia to be involved in a particular area that I have a strong passion for – that is seeing Indigenous cricketers wearing the baggy green cap.

Growing up in rural Queensland, I clearly remember having this dream as I sat with my opposition from Cherbourg and wondered why there was only one Indigenous boy in the team.

It was amazing to me as I saw that that boy was endowed with so many skills.

Again, my dream continued with the same unanswered query when I first played for Queensland at Shield level.

I encountered the same questions without answers when I joined in school sport with students at Cooktown and Bloomfield. So many Indigenous children with incredible physical skills encouraged me to follow this with a coaching clinic at Weipa and the Indigenous community of Woerabinda and in more recent times, I've visited Melville Island.

So all this has led me to take an active role in Indigenous cricket.

Introducing an occasional column by Test batsman **MATTHEW HAYDEN** – with a focus on Indigenous cricket



Lehmann and Andy Bichel.

I was acting as a 'mentor' for the match and felt quite honoured to be given the job of presenting the players with their shirts, replicas of the shirts worn by the famed 1868 Aboriginal team that toured England.

It was good to meet the players and pass on some tips where I could, and I really hope this is just the start of a long and successful involvement with young Indigenous cricketers.

When playing

I'm not going to pretend that I know everything about Indigenous culture and the challenges Indigenous communities face, but I'm keen to learn and help.

Obviously, when my playing career finishes, I'm going to have more time to dedicate to this.

During the off-season, I took the first steps in learning more. I was lucky enough to head along with other members of the Australian men's and women's teams to Parliament House, where we played cricket with the Prime Minister and I met the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin. I actually had the chance to sit down with Minister Macklin and her staff and talk about my interest in the Indigenous community and offer my help.

I'm happy to say that we're now working on a few things and going forward.

I hope I can help as part of my dream to see Indigenous cricketers wearing the baggy green.

THE next step was my involvement with the Indigenous All Star team at the Emirates All Star weekend.

Some of the best young Indigenous cricketers from around the country came together at Allan Border Field in Brisbane to take on an ACA Masters team that included greats like Ian Healy, Darren

commitments are scaled down, I would love to be a regular visitor to the national indigenous cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup, held in Alice Springs every February. I have heard great things about the carnival, caught a bit of it on NITV, and I would dearly like to be involved in helping young players and promoting the carnival around Australia.

scheduled to captain the All Star team that I was involved with, but due to South Australian selection, he had to pull out.

The good news is that Dan, who moved from New South Wales last summer, has put in some strong performances in the Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield since.

The bad news was that it he was partly responsible for beating my beloved Queensland Bulls! Dan played a big part in South Australia's recent victory at the Gabba, taking 3-82 and 4-89 (including the wicket of international player Shane Watson in both innings) and then made 30 from 29 balls at the business end of the run chase as South Australia got the runs with 13 balls to spare.

This is a great sign for Indigenous cricket and I look forward to speaking again in *The Koori Mail* later in the season as we move towards the Imparja Cup.



Government of Western Australia  
Department for Planning and Infrastructure

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Hon Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

### SCHEDULE

#### PARCEL OF LAND: LAND DESCRIPTION:

1. Whole Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 55308, being unallocated Crown land. Area: 1.0732 hectares;  
2. Whole Lot 502 on Deposited Plan 55308, being unallocated Crown land. Area: 2.282 hectares.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 55308.  
LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Coolgardie.

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown.

#### PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

Amalgamation under section 87 of the Land Administration Act 1997 and Lease under section 79 for the purpose of Wilderness Retreat and Revegetation.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: Amalgamation and Lease under section 79 (LAA).

#### REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

Non de-nominational meditation and wilderness retreat.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 24 March 2009

DPI FILE: Q2784-1985-01RO DPI REF: 051484

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Adam, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5043.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 24 March 2009. MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 24 December 2008. NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 24 March 2009. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 23 November 2008

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS



Queenslander Worrin Williams, one of three male Indigenous cricketers in State squads.



# Keifer in State futsal team



Keifer Dotti (in yellow) on the soccer field.



**YOUNG** Keifer Dotti may be having trouble attracting the eye of representative soccer selectors, but he's having no problem attracting the interest of selectors in futsal.

The 14-year-old Apia Leichhardt Premier League soccer player has been chosen in the NSW under-14 futsal team to contest the Australian titles in Canberra from 5-9 January.

Futsal is indoor soccer, with teams having five players on the court at any one time.

Keifer's dad, Phil, said his son had made rapid progress since taking up futsal.

He plays premier league futsal with the Sydney All Stars, a team coached by Indigenous Australian representative Lachlan Wright.

Wright has taken the young Dotti under his wing and is predicting a bright future for him.

Futsal is approved by FIFA and Football Federation Australia. Officials say it is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, is played in more than 100 countries and boasts millions of players.

It is played on a firm, flat surface on a court ranging in size from a standard basketball court to the full FIFA International size of 42 x 25 metres.



LACHLAN WRIGHT

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

Exploration Licence 27040 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 22 Blocks (74 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



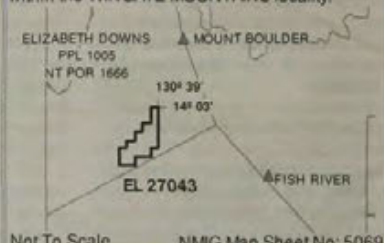
Exploration Licence 27041 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 27042 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.



Exploration Licence 27043 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 17 Blocks (57 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.



Exploration Licence 26969 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 473 Blocks (1526 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MAIS locality.



Exploration Licence 26995 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 491 Blocks (1559 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MANBULLO locality.



Exploration Licence 26997 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 494 Blocks (1640 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DRY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 27008 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 473 Blocks (1449 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BOWMAN locality.



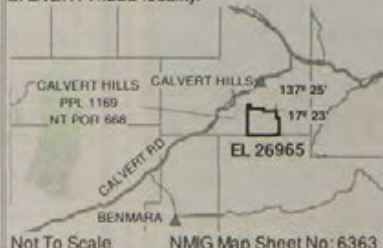
Exploration Licence 27026 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 497 Blocks (1627 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the OCTOBER locality.



Exploration Licence 27027 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 482 Blocks (1544 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the OCTOBER locality.



Exploration Licence 26965 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 74 Blocks (243 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 26999 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 135 Blocks (443 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 17 December 2008



# 'Dizzy' still shines

By PETER ARGENT

SA

FORMER Test cricket bowler Jason Gillespie has been honoured by his Adelaide club with a 'roast'.

This followed his second term with the Ahmedabad Rockets and being honoured with a testimonial year by his foundation club, Adelaide.

The 'roast' was part of the testimonial. Gillespie is still highly respected in his club because he is quintessentially the same bloke these days as he was when he arrived at the club in the inner south-western suburbs of Adelaide as a teenager.

"The roast was the first of three events planned during the year," Adelaide Cricket Club treasurer Neil Ricketts said.

"On 8 February there is a Twenty/20 fixture between an Dizzy's International XI All Stars, including some former Australian team-mates, and an Adelaide Buffaloes All Stars XI.

"These will be selected by him.

"In conjunction with this game there will also be a coaching clinic which Jason and his team-mates will conduct.

"The third event is a corporate testimonial golf day held at Lady Bay at Normanville.

"After his ICL and beach cricket commitments, we also hope to see him out on the park for the Buffaloes as well before going back to India for a third season."

During his second season in the Indian Cricket League Twenty/20 tournament, his team only had moderate performances, finishing in the middle of the pack.

But Gillespie at 33, still displayed his exceptional bowling talent.

In this 'third generation' form of cricket, where the bowlers can sometimes be perceived as second-class citizens and much of the focus is on the batsmen, Gillespie has defied the odds.

He was the Ahmedabad Rockets franchise's most successive bowler with a haul of 21 wickets at an average of 17.43 and an impressive strike rate of a wicket every 16 deliveries.

A best performance of 4/29 was achieved during his four-over allotment in a match against the Dhaka Warriors the Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula, Chandigarh on Monday 3 November.

His also was exceptional at the bowling crease in the November 9 fixture against Chandigarh Lions where he took 2/13 from three overs which set up one of the Rockets' three victories during the

second series.

Gillespie has also represented the ICL World XI in the subsequent portion of the second tournament against combinations from ICL Bangladeshis, the ICL Indians and the ICL Pakistanis.

The string bean quick bowler retired from first-class Australian cricket after a stellar career before the start of the inaugural ICL season earlier in 2008.

## Jake's sensational debut

JAKE Lalor, the 15-year-old brother of RTA SpeedBlitz Blues rookie Josh Lalor, has made a stunning debut in Sydney grade cricket.

Playing for Blacktown against Manly-Warringah in the round six limited overs match on 7 December at Joe McAleer Oval, the teenager took 6/40, including a hat-trick.

The high scoring game saw Blacktown bat first and make 8/285.

Tim Cruickshank led the chase for

Manly-Warringah, scoring a masterful 151 from as many balls.

However Lalor ripped through the remainder of the batting line-up to claim 6/40 of 9.4 overs in a stunning fast bowling debut performance.

He is finishing Year 9 at Westfields Sports High, the same school attended by RTA SpeedBlitz Blues members Usman Khawaja and Michael Clarke.

His brother Josh plays grade cricket with Penrith.

## Development camps for promising far west youngsters



Boys from the Far West Academy of Sport rugby league squad.

NSW

PROMISING netball and rugby league athletes on scholarships with the Warren-based NSW

Far West Academy of Sport (FWAS) are off to development camps in January.

Ten girls, including Indigenous netballers Nicki McWhirter (Coonabarabran), Nikki Hanzel-Fuller (Warren) and Pete Gordon (Brewarrina) will attend a camp in Bathurst, while rugby league player Jayden Clarke (Lake Cargelligo) will go to the NSW Rugby League Players' Camp at Narrabeen.

Jordan McAlpine (Coonabarabran) is a reserve for the Narrabeen camp.

NSW Swifts assistant coach Tracey Robinson recently travelled to the far west to assist with the selection of the 2009 FWAS netball squad. Twenty-four girls from throughout the far west region attended the trials and were given

elite coaching by Robinson, who challenged the young athletes to develop their ball handling and footwork skills.

Selectors named a squad of ten girls to attend the Bathurst elite netball player development camp which encompasses netball training and games, cultural activities and tours of the Bathurst region.

The girls will participate with players from the Western Region Academy of Sport and Bay of Plenty Netball Association (New Zealand).

Meanwhile, the Country Rugby League (CRL) Far West squad gathered at Warren for their final development session for 2009. Head coach Col Wright announced that five athletes, including Jayden Clarke, had been selected to attend the NSW Rugby League Players' Camp at Narrabeen in January.

About 40 per cent of scholarship holders at the FWAS are Indigenous. They come from communities spread throughout the NSW far west.



Netball coach Tracey Robinson (centre, in white shirt) with girls at the FWAS.





A group picture of some of the children who took part in the Indigenous Youth Swimming Carnival at Narrandera.

## Kids make a splash



MORE than 60 children aimed for their personal bests at the annual NSW Country Indigenous Youth Swimming Carnival at Narrandera's Lake Talbot Swimming Complex.

The carnival for Indigenous children from around southern NSW was organised by NSW Sport and Recreation.

The children came from Albury/Wodonga, Chiltern, Coleambally, Cootamundra, Deniliquin, Ganmain, Hay, Harden, Junee, Leeton, Narrandera, Oaklands, Wamoon, Weethalle and West Wyalong.

"The carnival began with a breakfast, followed by a warm-up with Indigenous triathlete Brett Lee," said Dane Kennedy from NSW Sport and Recreation's Southern Region.

"By the time races started at 10.30am, all the kids were raring to get off the blocks.

"There were standout performances from Kylie Whitehead, from Chiltern, Holly Meadows, from Cootamundra, Jerome Doolan, Billy-Jean Doolan and Wyatt Gilbert, from Narrandera.

"It was a huge success. "Brett Lee presented medals and there was a special didgeridoo performance by Mitchell Kelly to close official proceedings and to open the slides for some fun!

"The kids let their hair down after a long day of racing."



- Clockwise from above left:
- Gabby Baxter and Kylie Whitehead on the starting blocks.
  - Jarrod Murray in action in a freestyle event.
  - After the swimming, children took to the waterslide.
  - Carnival guest triathlete Brett Lee was put to work on the barbecue. He also presented trophies.





# \$19,000 'hole' left from rodeo

By ALF WILSON



THE first Palm Island rodeo in 32 years held on 15-16 November was a great success as a spectacle, but organiser Pauline Shortjoe has revealed it lost just over \$19,000 and she is looking for sponsors to help cover that.

Sitting under a tree near the Palm Island beach, Ms Shortjoe spoke candidly to *The Koori Mail* about the rodeo, which attracted great publicity for the community and drew competitors from as far away as Cherbourg, Woorabinda and Croydon.

"This was a lot of hard work and we still owe \$19,000 to contractors who provided the bulls and steers," she said.

"We paid the clowns and others and it must be remembered that we had no government handouts for this and did it all ourselves and it was good for Palm Island."

Ms Shortjoe said one of the reasons for the loss was that many spectators entered the rodeo grounds without paying.

"Anybody who can help us out with donations or sponsorship would be greatly appreciated and that can be for the next rodeo and it will help us now," she said.

## Trip by sea

It is expensive business running a rodeo anywhere and the bucking bulls at Palm Island were trucked from Einasleigh, in far north Queensland, to Lucinda, near Ingham, then placed on a barge for the trip over to Palm Island.

Ms Shortjoe and husband Shaun put on the rodeo to give the community some recreation so that people could move on after the sentencing of Lex Wotton to six years in jail after he was found guilty of rioting.

The Palm Island riot which resulted in the police station and barracks being burnt was a week after the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Snr Sgt Chris Hurley was acquitted of Doomadgee's manslaughter by a Townsville court in mid-2007.



Pauline Shortjoe, right, and her sister Jeanie Ling at the rodeo.

"The rodeo has helped people here move on from those things and we are thankful to the sponsors, but we did lose a lot of money," Ms Shortjoe said.

She said that despite the loss, plans were under way to run another rodeo in July 2009.

"If people helped us out now, it could be a down payment on sponsorship for the next rodeo," she said.

The event has been responsible for a huge resurgence of interest amongst locals in rodeo.

Ms Shortjoe said more than 20 local riders would compete at the Bucko Billy Rodeo at Charters Towers next January during the same weekend as the Goldfield Ashes Cricket Carnival.

"Our riders will also be competing in 2009 at the Mareeba and Mount Isa rodeos," she said.

In the meantime, Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe have a horse trail rides business and hope that will attract tourists to their island paradise as they prepare for the next rodeo.

# Plea for teams to enter Ella 7s



ORGANISERS of the Ella 7s rugby union carnival at Coffs Harbour are calling on teams to confirm their nominations.

The all-Indigenous carnival is on 7 March 2009.

Spokesman Tom Evans said he had received 30 expressions of interest in the men's competition and ten in the women's draw.

"While we have already received nomination fees from several teams, many are still outstanding," he said.

Of the 30 expressions of interest in the men's draw, only 12 teams have confirmed they are coming, while in the women's competition, six teams have given confirmation.

Evans said that a maximum of 24 teams would be accepted in the men's draw, and 12 teams in the women's competition.

"We have a number of clubs in the men's and women's draw who have said they need to get a couple of additional players," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I want individuals who do not have teams to play in to contact men and I can then pass on to team organisers."

## Terms and conditions

- All visiting teams must book their accommodation through the Coffs Harbour Visitors Information Centre on 1300 369 070.

- Teams are responsible for their own transport, accommodation and meals not stated.

- Each team will consist of 12 players and up to three management staff.

- Each team will be allowed to have a maximum of two non-Indigenous players.

- Each team will pay an entrance fee of \$1100 inc GST (which will include team kit) or \$600 without team kit.

- With the maximum of 24 teams in the men's draw then the Cup winner will receive \$10,000.

- With the maximum of 12 teams in women's draw, the Cup winner will receive \$5000.

- There will also be money for the runners-up and the minor competitions of Plate and Bowl.

- A team kit will include 12 jumpers, shorts and socks. Each team will be provided with training balls and a recovery pack.

- For insurance purposes, all players must be over the age of 18.

- There will be a minimum of three games for every team.

- A maximum of five replacements per game will be allowed. Once replaced in any game, a player cannot return to the field of play, except for a blood bin situation and only when all other reserves have been exhausted.

- If a player is injured and unable to play in the rest of the tournament, a player can be drafted from another team to replace this player, however they must be the last replacement used by that team and the injured player replaced can not take place in the remaining tournament.

- Teams must have a coach and manager. No captain-coaches will be allowed.

- Events will be run on Cup, Plate and Bowl.

- All games will be seven minutes each way except the finals in each Cup, Plate and Bowl that will be for 10 minutes each way with a two-minute break at half-time.

# NPA romps home over Suns

By ALF WILSON



A WELL-DRILLED Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) side scored a handsome 30-16

win over the Central Cape Suns in Weipa on Friday 5 December, marking the end of rugby league in the far north for 2008.

Players from the winning side were picked from Bamaga, Seisia and other Aboriginal communities,

while the Central Cape Suns drew players from Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun, Lockhart River and Coen.

The Central Cape Suns were founded in mid-2008 and made their debut at the recent Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island, where they won their first two games and narrowly missed the semi-finals on for and against points.

Many of the NPA players competed at the Dan Ropeyarn Memorial carnival at Bamaga during late November. That carnival was

won by the Jack Ahmat Memorial side Dolphins, from Badu Island, over Bamaga team Alau Eagles 66-12 in the grand final.

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) NPA development officer Dominic Carter said the Weipa match had created considerable interest in the region, and he was now confident an official NPA competition would get off the ground next year.

Carter said he was 'very happy' with the NPA side's performance, despite some late withdrawals.

He described the game as tough, with some rugged defence, but believes the side's superior pace on the flanks was the major difference.

The NPA exploited its superior speed and in doing so, played dry-weather football despite heavy rain falling during the day.

NPA dominated the awards, with 17-year-old winger Jordan Pablo named best back; prop Clint Wasili best forward, and halfback Denson Missi as man of the match.



# Territorian shines

By ALF WILSON



**RISING** Northern Territory star Chris Stedman was one of the quality Indigenous boxers to win a

gold medal at the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's national titles held at the Townsville Showgrounds from 27-29 November.

The Amateur Boxing League is a breakaway organisation from Boxing Australia – the internationally-recognised amateur boxing authority in Australia. That organisation's national titles were featured in the 3 December edition of *The Koori Mail*.

Back at Townsville, Darwin-based Stedman won his

gold medal in the 71kg division, beating Chris Jones (NSW) by points in a hard punching encounter.

"I am very happy to win and my mum Tammy is here and other members of my family," Stedman said.

Boxing identity Cowboy Stockham was one of the officials and said the standard of the tournament was high.

## Split decisions

"Many of the results came down to split decisions and the place was packed out on the last night. I think Chris has a bright future," Stockham told *The Koori Mail*.

Respected judge, referee and trainer Gonzo Hooper said there was a strong presence of boxers from Queensland, Tasmania, the

NT, NSW and Victoria.

"This made it the best titles I have seen. Finals on Saturday had the best amateur bouts I have ever seen," Hooper said.

Townsville City Council Councillor and former champion cricketer and tennis player Ray Gartrell was at the finals night, presenting medals.

Ten Palm Island boxers competed, winning four gold, five silver and one bronze medal.

Their trainer Ray Dennis said that 15-year-old Patrick Clarke won gold in his division and stepped up a class to win a second.

"Selwyn Seaton once again proved his class and won a gold medal by defeating Sam Friend, from Stingers Club in Townsville," Dennis said.

"Selwyn has now won the Australian title three times and has also been judged best junior in Queensland three times."

Anthony Bourne won a gold medal for his age and weight division and then had to step up and fight his team-mate Albert Gorrige in a higher weight division.

"Anthony was narrowly defeated in a split decision and received a bronze medal for his bout against his team-mate."

"I do not like my boxers fighting each other."

"Anthony received a gold medal for his age and weight division."

Dennis said Nat Seaton was an unlucky boxer who always seemed to have split decisions go against him.

"Nat won a silver medal when

he was defeated by Scott Mahony, from Yungaburra."

It was one of the best bouts of the Saturday night and I thought Nat was very unlucky to lose," Dennis said.

"Albert Gorrige fought in the final of the schoolboy 38kg division and seemed to be very unlucky to lose a split decision. Albert received a silver medal for the bout."

"Reggie Palm Island won a silver medal when he was defeated by Harley Broom, from Rockhampton. Broom was last year's Australian champion and Reggie was unlucky to lose a split decision."

"We are grateful to the Palm Island Council for making it possible for or boxers to compete against the best amateur boxers in Australia."



Northern Territory star boxer Chris Stedman with brother Branden held by his mother Tammy and stepfather Greg on right.



Champion boxer Selwyn Seaton, right, and Steen Walsh.



Heavyweight Nat Seaton before his bout.



NSW boxer John Dut in the dressing room.



Palm Islander Albert Gorrige takes a chin punch from Josh Ferguson, who won a split points decision.



# It's all about having Faith



Faith Thomas today.

By PETER ARGENT



IT has been 50 years since Faith Thomas' (nee Coulthard) short, but substantial step into international cricket.

During the summer of 1958, Faith played her only Test for Australia, during a period where equality of the Aboriginal people was far removed from the more enlightened times of today.

It is still significant a half a century after Faith represented her country that she is still the only Aboriginal women's cricket with national honours.

"It was just two years after chasing cows off a paddock to get a game started, to representing Australia," Faith Thomas told *The Koori Mail*.

"This was my first organised sport.

"Gaining selection in the Australian side was just another step in my progression and it didn't seem of any great significance at the time, and it still doesn't."

While Thomas' achievement as a cricketer is a landmark in Indigenous sporting history, the woman herself is so much more than just a Australian cricketer.

She is a woman who is immensely proud of her heritage.

Faith Thomas was born on the Nepabunna Aboriginal Mission before being taken to Colebrook Home in Quorn,

north-east of Port Augusta.

"We had a great life together at Colebrook," Thomas said.

"Playing cricket and other sports with the boys, with no quarters asked or given.

"There was no backing down, and no such word as can't - a lesson we took into later life."

A double certificate nurse, Thomas was a sister at the Port McLeay Aboriginal Reserve before spending time in Alice Springs, being in charge of the native ward.

During this three-year period, she was a member of the Alice Springs hockey team which represented the Centralian Hockey Association.

Later, upon her return to South Australia, Thomas was the instigator and a foundation member of the Inlanders hockey team.

## Career in health

Her working tenure continued with stints as a medical patrol officer at Amata 'Pinjara homelands' Aboriginal Reserve, being a clinical sister at Point Pearce, and then continuing to be a patrol sister in the area in which she had a great affinity, the Flinders Ranges.

In 1988 Faith Thomas was honoured with the NAIDOC Senior Sportsperson of the Year award. She was welcomed into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hall of Fame in 1994, then, in 1999, was honoured at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Awards at a gala event in Hobart for her 'outstanding contribution by a female'.

She also received a Silver Jubilee Medal from the Queen.

She is the perfect role model for sportspeople of all codes, colours and religious philosophies.



The 1957 South Australian women's cricket team, with Faith Thomas second from the right in the back row.

# Tennis girls off to Belgium



TWO Aboriginal girls - one from Innisfail and the other from Alice Springs - are off to an international tennis tournament in the European country of Belgium next year.

Jessica Ah Chee, from Alice Springs, were members of the Pymble Ladies College team which won the Australian Schools Team Tennis Challenge at Wagga Wagga, in southern NSW.

Pymble College will represent Australia at the tournament in Belgium next May.

Sixteen-year-old Keiryn has just completed her first year at Pymble Ladies College, where she is a boarder.

Jessica has been at the college for two years. "I'm still gobsmacked - I'm just really excited," Keiryn told her local paper, the *Innisfail Advocate*.

"We're now the national champions so we'll be playing an international competition against other girls' schools in May.

"It will be the first time I've competed in an international tournament."

Keiryn moved to Sydney at the start of this year to take up a \$45,000 three-year scholarship at Pymble College.

The scholarship covers her education expenses and specialist coaching and access to tournaments.

She told the *Innisfail Advocate* she had settled in at school.

"I get a bit homesick at times, but the tennis keeps me busy and I'm really looking forward to Year 11 next year," she said.

## Plenty of promise

Her coach Kristine Radford-Kunce said Keiryn had shown plenty of promise in her first year at Pymble College.

"She's made a huge improvement. We've been working on all parts of her game and she played really well in Wagga Wagga," Radford-Kunce said.

"Our program is quite intense; she's training six times a week and playing every weekend and it's been a good opportunity for her."

Keiryn and Jessica also are on Evonne Goolagong scholarships, where they receive specialised coaching.

They are off to the Evonne Goolagong Tennis Camp in Melbourne in January.

Keiryn and Jessica have just completed Year 10.



Keiryn Lennox, left, and Jessica Ah Chee, second from left, with Pymble Ladies College team-mates and coaches after their tournament win at Wagga Wagga.





Peter Bonner, left, and Mick King. Their scheduled fight was called off because of a bomb hoax. Bonner is keen to take on King, but King says his days in the ring are over.

## Pro fighter eyes new challenges

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL boxer Peter Bonner won his long awaited first professional bout at Maroochydore on 29 November with a third-round

knockout of Tavita Vika after his earlier scheduled debut was cancelled due to a bomb threat.

Now, the first professional boxer from the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island in more than 20 years looks set to fight on the undercard of his idol Anthony 'The Man' Mundine in early February.

It has been a mixed few months for the 26-year-old Bonner, who was due to meet big-hitting Mick King at Townsville's Bombay Rock on 18 October in his first fight in the pro ranks.

However that night had to be cancelled in what was later found to be a hoax bomb threat.

"I played football the next day at the Daisy Cup All Blacks carnival for the Palm Island Barracudas and it was pretty scary stuff... the bomb threat and my adrenaline was high. I was happy to finally have my first pro bout and win," Bonner said.

Former pro fighter and promoter Gonzo Hooper said that it was a great effort by Bonner.

"Vika was having his third pro fight and Bonner was very much the underdog," Hooper said.

Bonner's trainer Ray Dennis said his charge gave away 20kg to Vika.

"The other bloke weighed 128kg and I feel Peter can have a bright future if he can stay focused and keep training hard," Dennis said.

Dennis said he believed the great Doug Sam had been the last pro boxer from Palm Island.

Dennis stayed in Townsville to look after ten Palm Island amateur boxers at the Sunstate League's national titles held at the Showgrounds on the same weekend.

Hooper said he was negotiating to have Bonner fight on the undercard of the Mundine versus Shannon Taylor bout in Sydney on 11 February.

"Mundine is the boxer I have always looked up to," Bonner said.

He said he had turned his life around in the past year, giving up alcohol and eating well in a bid to further his boxing career.

"I am the fittest I have ever been," he said.

There has also been talk that Bonner may get to fight on his beloved Palm Island during early 2009.

The plan is to have Bonner fight a main bout and for up to ten Palm Island amateurs to compete in curtain-raisers against mainland fighters.

Bonner would also like to settle some unfinished business by fighting Mick King, who had boasted before their scheduled bout that he would 'knock the Palm Islander out in round one'.

King told *The Koori Mail* that he had since retired, but Bonner is keen to lure him into the ring.

# Games plan forges ahead

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE Australian Indigenous Games Foundation has produced a prospectus and a report as it moves ahead with plans to hold national Indigenous Games every

two years. The man behind the initiative is Australian Indigenous Games Foundation (AIGF) President Bob McCullough.

He sees the Games as a positive way forward for Indigenous Australians.

In the AIGF prospectus, Mr McCullough says there are many issues within Indigenous communities which can be addressed with the development of sport in communities, encouraging this generation of children and parents to focus on the positive results that sport can bring to improve lifestyles; issues such as health, education and employment.

"But most importantly, sport can assist an individual in building self-esteem and confidence," he says.

"The Australian Indigenous Games will contribute significantly to the development of Indigenous communities, encouraging young people to strive for excellence and develop skills in life and sport. This will develop into pride in the community and pride in being Indigenous."

The Indigenous Games is no pie-in-the-sky plan. Mr McCullough was the driving force behind the establishment in 1983 of the North Queensland Games.

He has been President of the Australian Paralympic Federation, executive member of the International Paralympic Committee, and board member of the Sydney Paralympic Games Committee.

At a meeting last May, the Australian Indigenous Games Foundation was established and an interim board of management elected.

Mr McCullough says the board includes 'many well respected Indigenous people who are eager to work with the rest of the board to make this happen'.



BOB McCULLOUGH

IN its prospectus, the AIGF says its core aims are to:

- Organise biennial Australian Indigenous Games
- Develop and sustain local and regional sports organisations
- Maximise sporting participation and encourage good health
- Promote co-operation within government and non-government organisations in positioning Indigenous sport as an entity in Australian society
- Assist in promoting a strong sense of pride in sporting achievement
- Identify meaningful career opportunities

within the Indigenous community

● Ensure that an integrated, sustainable plan is developed for the provision of sporting facilities

● Develop a sustainable funding stream

● Ensure transparency and integrity of the organisation.

The first Australian Indigenous Games still may be a long way off, but Mr McCullough visualises cities such as Darwin, Cairns and Townsville 'bidding' for the rights to host the Games.

THE AIGF interim board consists of:

● President: Bob McCullough (consultant)

● Vice-President: Velma Gara, Manager Indigenous Radio 4K1G Townsville

Others:

● Charlie Jai, consultant and President South-East Qld Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

● Pat Hannan, IPA Manager Commercial Brisbane

● Syl Johns, Director, Australian Indigenous Boxing Company

● Megan Harrison, Education Indigenous Program, Catholic

College, Townsville

● Neil Sarmardin, Education Indigenous Program, Catholic College, Townsville

● Shayne Harrison, Education Indigenous Program, Catholic College, Townsville

● Thelma Gertz, Education, Catholic College, Townsville

● Kevin Kingston, Charter Aircraft Owner, Palm Island

● Obe Geia Snr, Indigenous Rugby League, North Qld and Palm Island

● Doug Pitt, Development officer, Indigenous Sport NQ Region

● Dale Seaniger, Regional Manager, Community Enterprises Australia

● Terry Bullemor, Consultant, Indigenous Communities

● Peter Elliott, Solicitor and Director, Community Enterprises Australia

● Stuart Gibson, Manager, North Queensland Sports Foundation (former Manager Arafura Games, Darwin).



Australian Indigenous Games Foundation Vice-President Velma Gara with other board members Syl Johns, left, and Obe Geia Snr.

Columnists take break

OUR regular sports columnists Dean Widders, David Liddiard and Michael O'Loughlin are taking a break.



# North to head north



● ABOVE: Jade North of Australia, left, battles with Sebastian Quitana of Qatar during the 2010 FIFA World cup qualifying match at the al Sadd stadium in Doha, Qatar on 14 June 2008.

- AAP Image



● LEFT: Jade North in his Newcastle Jets colours, which he will wear for the last time on Boxing Day.

## Newcastle soccer star signs with Sth Korean club



THE Newcastle Jets have confirmed their Indigenous captain Jade North has signed a deal with Korean club Incheon United.

The Socceroos defender will join Incheon in January.

North was released last Thursday night from a three-year deal he had signed with new A-League club North Queensland for next season.

The first Indigenous sportsman to captain a football team in any Australian code to grand final victory, North had been with the Jets since the

2005/06 A-League season.

The F3 derby between the Jets and Central Coast at Newcastle on 26 December will be North's last game for the club.

"It is, of course, with some sadness that we will see our club captain depart," chief executive John Tsatsimas said.

"However, this is an agreement that is of great benefit not only to our club, but most importantly to Jade himself.

"It has been a dream of Jade to pursue a career overseas for some time, and we are happy to see him fulfil this dream." - AAP

## Abbott in hockey squad to play The Netherlands



DARWIN forward Des Abbott has been named in the Australian men's hockey squad for January's four-Test series against The Netherlands in Western Australia.

Of the 21-strong squad named for the Dutch series, there are five rookies - and only nine players who have played 50 games or more.

It will be the first time the teams have met since the Kookaburras

thumped the Netherlands 6-2 in Beijing's bronze medal play-off.

The Dutch series - which starts on 20 January 20 - will be a major lead-up to the Champions Trophy in Melbourne in late 2009.

Abbott is a regular in the Australian squad, but he and team-mates will be under the control of new national coach Rik Charlesworth.

Charlesworth is a former Kookaburra and played Sheffield Shield cricket for Western Australia.

- With AAP



Des Abbott, right, and South Africa's Marvin Bam fight for the ball during the field hockey competitions at the Olympic Hockey Centre at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing last 13 August.

- AAP Image

## Grants to assist teams, individuals

GRANTS to help assist sporting teams travel to events are available through the Australian Government.

Page MP Janelle Saffin said young sport stars would be able to apply for grants under the Rudd Government's new Local Sporting Champions program.

"We have some great sporting talent in our area, but the cost of travelling long distances to major events can place extra pressure on our young sportspeople," Ms Saffin said.

"Under the Local Sporting Champions program, there will be 13 individual grants of \$500 each and two team grants of \$3000 per team, for sportspeople aged

12 to 18 years in the Page electorate.

"The grants will help cover the costs of attending and competing in major sporting events.

To be eligible for a Local Sporting Champions grant, applicants must be aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive); must be required to travel 250 kilometres or more; return; must be participating in an official national sporting organisation endorsed state or national sporting competition or national school sport competition.

"Applications for the grants can be made at anytime throughout the year, through my office or the Australian Sports Commission," Ms Saffin said.



# Touch footy's finest turn it



Members of school team Trackadigeniez after their finals game. The team beat Ginga All Stars 9-2, but lost on protest.



One Force on the attack.



One Force Assistant Coach Kirk Doak, left, and Manager Lewis Brown.



Action from the schools division game between Moree and Murri Magic.

## 114 teams showcase our talents

Story and pictures by MAHALA STROHFELDT



SOME of Indigenous Australia's best touch football players turned it on at the 15th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane.

Competitors, officials and supporters travelled from throughout Queensland, and from New South Wales, the Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea to attend this year's event.

A total of 114 touch teams competed across three general competition divisions in mixed schools, men's and mixed open sections. Additional exhibition games were played on the Saturday.

### Battle of the States

A major highlight was the Battle of the States challenge between Queensland and NSW. Queensland won the mixed and men's divisions, while NSW took home the honours in the schools' section.

The international game, played between Indigenous Australia and New Zealand Maoris in front of a large crowd on the Saturday, was a thriller, with the home side winning 3-2.

The lasting legacy of First Contact founder Robbie Williams was evident throughout the

weekend. Some teams wore black armbands and dedicated their wins in a tribute to the man who had been a constant supporter of Indigenous people in sport, while Trackadigeniez mixed and men's teams wore 'In Memory of Robbie Williams' on their jerseys.

The Robbie Williams Memorial Trophy for Player of the Tournament went to Cherbourg's young Myisha Saltner, who played for Murgon State High School.

First Contact's Nathan Appo said Myisha had been an outstanding competitor, remaining positive throughout her games and motivating her team.

In the popular 'Dash for Cash', Trackadigeniez won the schools' section, Cougars took out the men's while the mixed title went to TSI Luggers.

In the touch divisions, That's Da Paka downed Wagga 6-5 in the men's final, while Hotmail's.com defeated Muli Mugils 10-8 in the plate decider; Hotel Indooroopilly defeated That's Da Paka 8-6 in the mixed open finals, while Mad Dogs pipped Options 5-4 in the mixed plate; and Ginga All Stars took out the schools title after winning a protest against Trackadigeniez.

Actor Luke Carroll, former Olympian Nova Peris and Wok Wright from Street Warriors joined a host of others in the All Stars team.

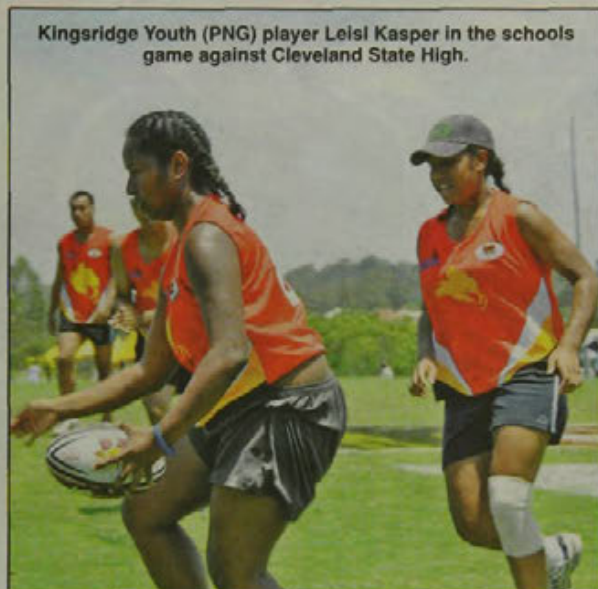
First Contact Chief Executive Officer Trish Williams said the event was bigger and better every year.



## on at First Contact Festival



A spectacular touchdown in the men's plate final between Mull Mugils and Hotmails.com.



Kingsridge Youth (PNG) player Leisl Kasper in the schools game against Cleveland State High.



Indigenous referee Samuel Lee in the plate second semi-final.



Tom Flanders and Warren Jarrett watch the dash for cash race from the sidelines.



Men's plate semi-final action between Mull Mugils (green shirts) and Harlo Boyz (blue).



A Trackadigeniez player with the ball in the schools final against Ginga All Stars.



Murri Magic kids at The Koori Mail stall.





Northern Territory Football Club General Manager Stuart Totham, left, with coach Michael McLean.

# McLean to coach the NT Thunder

**NT** MICHAEL McLEAN is to coach the Northern Territory Thunder Australian football team in its debut year in the 2009 AFL Queensland competition.

McLean is senior coach of Southern Districts. He will retain his involvement with the Southern Districts Football Club until a suitable replacement is found.

Northern Territory Football Club General Manager Stuart Totham said: "We are delighted to announce the appointment of Michael as the coach of the Northern Territory Football Club."

"Michael's playing and coaching career speaks for itself. He is one of the Northern Territory's most decorated AFL players and has built a reputation as one of the Territory's best coaches. He is a NTFL premiership-winning coach, awarded AFLNT Coach of the Year three times and has coached the Indigenous All-Stars team on three occasions."

## 'Great asset'

NTFL officials said that with all listed NTFC players required to be studying at school, TAFE or university, completing an apprenticeship or traineeship, or working in full-time employment, McLean's professional background would also be a great asset to the NTFC.

"The NTFC will not only provide opportunities for Northern Territory footballers to play State League

football, it will also provide employment and training opportunities for all listed players," Botham said.

"In addition to his playing and coaching credentials, Michael's professional background will also be a great asset to the NTFC through his extensive experience in youth worker roles with YMCA, YWCA and now with the Clontarf Foundation."

"Michael is one of the Northern Territory's own and we trust the Northern Territory will embrace and support Michael as the inaugural coach of the NTFC."

McLean said he was looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'm rapt and excited to be appointed coach of the Northern Territory Football Club and I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said.

"This team is a great thing for the Northern Territory and is a really positive move for Northern Territory football. I'm sure the entire Northern Territory will be behind us and I especially look forward to the home games in Darwin and Alice Springs. I can't wait to get started."

McLean, who currently works with the Clontarf Foundation as an Acting Director and Operations Manager, has been appointed by the NTFC as coach on a part-time basis and will be supported by a high-performance manager and assistant coaches.

McLean is one of the Northern Territory's most decorated AFL players and coaches. A product of the Nightcliff Football Club in Darwin, he was

drafted to Footscray Football Club (now Western Bulldogs) in 1983.

A talented winger, McLean played 95 games and kicked 23 goals in his six years with the club, finishing in 1989.

McLean was then drafted pick one in the 1991 pre-season AFL draft by the Brisbane Bears. McLean repaid the Bears' faith in him by winning the club's Best and Fairest in 1991 and 1993.

McLean played 87 games and kicked 17 goals while playing for the Bears from 1991 to 1996. McLean played the first game for the newly-merged Brisbane Lions in 1997, before a constant calf injury forced his retirement.

## Accolades

McLean's accolades include being a member of the AFL 200 Club, Brisbane Lions/Fitzroy Hall of Fame member, AFLNT Life Member, captain of the 1994 Aboriginal All-Stars team and in 1995 he was named in the Indigenous AFL Team of the Century.

McLean has since built a reputation as a leading AFL coach. He coached his former club Nightcliff from 2001 to 2006 before moving to Southern Districts where he won the TIO NTFL premiership in the 2006/07 Season. McLean has coached the Indigenous All-Stars team on three occasions (2003, 2005, 2007) and coached the Indigenous All Australian side in 2000.

He has been named AFLNT Coach of the Year three times.

# Record 238 teams in Goldfield Ashes 2009 competition

By ALF WILSON



A RECORD number of Indigenous men and women players will compete at the world's biggest cricket carnival at Charters Towers over the Australia Day long weekend in January, with 238 teams nominated in six grades.

A record 206 teams battled it out at the last Ashes last January in a competition which began in 1948 with just six teams.

Grades next year will be A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2 and social men's, and there will also be a hotly contested women's competition, with many Indigenous players.

It is believed that the only cricket competition in Australia in which more Indigenous players take part is the annual Imparja Cup at Alice Springs.

Even opinion is divided about that, with estimates indicating that more than 300 Indigenous players will be involved in the coming Ashes.

The Goldfield Ashes will be held from from 24-26 January, with the Australia Day public holiday to fall on the last day, a Monday.

Nominations closed on 1 December and organisers now have to sort out draws for the various grades.

## Looking for venues

Organisers are looking at possible new fields on private grounds or by changing the format of the lower social grades into Twenty/20 games instead of the 35-overs-a-side as they have been.

Teams and players traditionally come from Collinsville, Bowen, Home Hill, Ayr, Townsville, Wulguru, Currajong, Aitkenvale, Condon, Thuringowa Central, Bluewater, Charters Towers, Hughenden, Cloncurry, Mount Isa, Camooweal, Ingham, Innisfail, Gordonvale, Woree, Cairns, Chillagoe, Herberton, Mossman, Weipa, Mareeba and Atherton.

Indigenous players who competed at the recent Rainforest Cup in Tully (won by Malanda) have indicated they will be at the Ashes.

So too will the majority of cricketers who played in the NAIDOC Carnival held at Charters Towers last July, where local team King's XI won from Innisfail.

Dick Davidson is the organiser of the NAIDOC carnival and has been heavily involved for many years with Indigenous team Black Brems at the Goldfield Ashes.

"There will be many Murris playing at the Ashes and it is a great place to meet old friends," he said.

## Brisbane success

At the last carnival, Brisbane side Powered by Jimmy won the eight-team A-1 grade from Dimbulah Rugby Club and Mackay Walkerston Roosters.

In the 14 team A-2 division, Mount Isa won from Townsville sides Mick Downey's XI and Pacey's Wests.

Gum Flat took out the 26 team B-1 grade from Electric Butchers and Hornets (1).

Gulf side Croydon Carney's won the 120-team B-2 grade from Blue Groopers and Pellet Scones.

It was amazing that 22 sides did not lose a match in B-2 grade throughout the carnival, with bonus points for runs scored and wickets taken separating them.

The 30-team Social grade was won by Carl's XI from the Weekenders and Light Brigade.

In the women's grade, Mount Isa won all three games to win with 22.87 points from Hormoans on 22.16, with Roksoff Sisters being the only other undefeated side in third place on 21.82 points.



# Full steam ahead!

## Narwan dismisses rumours of 'troubled' Knockout

**NSW** ASSURANCES have been given by the Narwan Eels that the 2009 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival will go ahead at Armidale.

This follows rumours that next year's big Knockout was in danger of collapsing or being moved to another city.

The Narwan Eels won the right to host the 2009 Knockout when they beat La Perouse Panthers 22-18 in the final of this year's Knockout at Kingscliff, in far north-eastern NSW.

But the rumour mill has since been working overtime.

### Assurance

To put the rumours to rest, the Narwan Eels have issued a statement 'to reassure everybody that the Knockout will definitely be hosted by Narwan in Armidale in 2009'.

In their statement, Narwan said:

"Many meetings have taken place since October, with the first called by the community. It was well attended by more than 80 people, which showed a good representation of players, ex-players and supporters, who are equally represented on the Narwan committee.

"From this meeting, the newly elected committee was endorsed to start negotiations for the 2009 Knockout to be held in Armidale.

"On 3 December 2008, members of the Narwan Eels Committee met with (Armidale) Deputy Mayor Jim Maher, General



The Narwan Eels after their grand final victory over La Perouse at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Kingscliff.

Manager, Shane Burns and Dave Stellar of the Armidale and Dumaresq Council to ask for their support towards Narwan hosting the NSW State Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Armidale in 2009.

"At a full Council meeting the following week, Narwan's request for support was presented and a unanimous decision was made in favour of Armidale being the host town next year.

"The new Narwan Committee has arranged several meetings to

take place before the end of the year. They will be meeting on Tuesday, 16 December with the New England Local Area Command of Police to discuss their role during the October long weekend.

"We are also very fortunate to have regular contact with Selwyn Apanui and Sol Belleir, of the Wollumbin club, who are keen to assist Narwan in organising the 2009 Knockout.

"Many players of the winning team are looking forward to

defending their title as State champions in 2009 and to date Narwan have received a great deal of support from the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of Armidale.

"We are looking forward to having the Knockout in Armidale next year and bringing together the winning team who have travelled from Wollongong, Sydney, Newcastle and Moree to play together for Narwan.

"Many of these footballers are descendants of Frank and Sarah

Archibald and the Anaiwan, Gumbaingier, Kamilaroi and Dhunghutti tribes.

"Narwan is in the process of establishing a website that will keep everybody updated on the progress of the 2009 Knockout."

Narwan provided these contact details: email, narwaneels@hotmail.com or contact the Narwan Committee - Gary Davison, Colin Ahoy on 0421 439 061, Michelle Davison, Susan Briggs 0413 719 916 or Troy Smith on 0401 528 536.

## Ross headline act at Bay Sheffield

By PETER ARGENT

**SA** JOSHUA Ross, winner of four Australian national 100 metre crowns between 2004 and 2007, will be one of the marquee runners in the 122nd Bay Sheffield.

This race - a 120-metre handicap sprint - is one of the highlight events on the summer athletics calendar and will be run again at Colley Reserves, in the Adelaide seaside suburb of Glenelg on 27-28 December.

"We are delighted to have Josh at our event for the third time in 2008 and being Australia's fastest man, he's a definite drawcard," President of the SA Athletic League Brendan Golden said.

"I know he loves coming to Adelaide and it is the only major foot race in Australia he hasn't won.

"He adds much creditability to our event and the field is enhanced with his presence.

"How he runs at the Bay will give him a gauge as to where he is at.

"Being just before the national

athletics series, the timing of the Bay Sheffield gives him a perfect kick start."

At the annual Easter meeting at Stawell in 2005, Ross won Australia's most famous foot race, becoming the first Australian and only the second athlete to collect the title from the scratch mark.

He is a dual winner of this prestigious event, having first collected the Stawell Gift in 2003.

After missing much of the 2008 domestic season, Ross didn't go to the Beijing Olympics and is now looking to reassert himself on the national athletics scene.

His best time over the 100 metres was back in 2007 where he ran 10.08 seconds in Brisbane and his peak performance so far for the 200 metres is a wind-assisted 20.41 seconds at a meet in Sydney.

The 2007 season was Ross' best when he won the national sprint double crown.

In 2004, at South Australia's oldest and most prestigious foot race, Ross came second to Andrew Steele by five-thousandths of a second.



Josh Ross at a previous Bay Sheffield carnival.





**NT Thunder  
name their  
coach**

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# WA challenge

By GRAHAM HUNT



WESTERN Australia could be the team to challenge Queensland's domination of the Imparja Cup, and organisers of the national Indigenous cricket carnival

have fashioned the draw so that these two teams will meet in the final qualifying game.

The 2009 Imparja Cup will be held from 9-14 February in Alice Springs.

Queensland regained the Cup last year by beating Tasmania in a lop-sided final.

But the Maroons' march towards the final received a setback when they were soundly beaten by Western Australia in a qualifying game.

## Great tonic

The West Australians narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final, but their win over Queensland was a great tonic for the team.

The Sandgroppers are hoping to qualify for the final in 2009.

Carnival organisers believe the West Australians are good enough and have

## Imparja Cup officials expect Sandgroppers to threaten Queensland

deliberately drawn them to meet Queensland in the final 40-over qualifying game at Traeger Park on 13 February.

The Imparja Cup brings together Australia's best Indigenous cricketers representing every State and Territory.

The teams are placed in two pools based on performances at the previous Imparja Cup.

Next year the teams in the top pool will be Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria, while in the bottom pool, the teams will be ACT, NSW, Northern Territory and South Australia.

The qualifying games will be played in two formats, with the top four teams meeting the bottom four teams in Twenty/20 matches.

The format then switches to 40-over games, with each team drawn to play every other team.

At the end of the qualifying games, the points are added up and the two teams with the highest points will square off in the final on 14 February at Traeger Park.

Tournament organiser Michael McGregor said that the West Australians made a slow start at this year's Imparja

Cup carnival, but finished strongly. He expects them to make a stronger start next year.

McGregor said a new attraction in the 2009 Imparja Cup would be a game between the Australian Cricketers Association Masters XI and an Alice Springs representative side. It would be played on 14 February as a curtain-raiser to the Imparja Cup final.

The ACA Masters XI is certain to include former Test and Sheffield Shield stars.

McGregor also said the Imparja Cup official dinner on 13 February would have a special MC, but he declined to give further details.

The dinner was held at the Alice Springs racecourse, but next year it will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

A feature of the function will be the naming of the Australian Indigenous Development Squad.

The Imparja Cup again will be covered by NITV.

● Queensland names its Imparja Cup squad – Page 70

## Running free at First Contact

A Ginga All Stars player carries the attack up to Trackadigeniez in the schools mixed final of the First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival touch football competition in the Brisbane suburb of Coorparoo.

Trackadigeniez won the game 9-2, but lost on protest. Organisers said the 2008 festival was the best yet, with record entries in the touch football divisions. First Contact Chief Executive Officer Trish Williams said the event was getting bigger and better every year.

● See Pages 80-81 and 32-33 for details and more pictures.

● Picture: Mahala Strohefeldt



● Matthew Hayden writes for *The Koori Mail* – page 71